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December 31, 2024



In a few hours, 2024 will be a thing of the past. Oh, how the time has flown. Tepus Fugit!

FOAC-Institute leadership has done a lot of things in 2024 to protect and uphold Article 1 Section 21 of the PA Constitution and the 2A.... Here is a list of select highlights:

- 66+ seminars, appearances at gun shows and special events
- Sponsor of the 2024 gun makers match
- Booth at the 2024 Great American Outdoor Show, Harrisburg, PA
- 2 FOAC-ILLEA gun bashes
- 7 media appearances
- Published 4 white papers
- 14 legal actions against tyrants at all levels of government
- 24 newsletters published
- 19 blog posts
- New industry partner program
- Text campaigns
- You tube and social media commercials
- Consulted multiple FOAC-I members and offered guidance and support
- **Monumental PA supreme court decision**
- **Harrisburg ordinances overturned**
- **Facilitated the PA state police change to LTCF applications**
- Creation of the (eastern PA) East Coast Committee
- FOAC-I president Jim Stoker continued to work closely with pro-gun legislators
- We didn't lose ground (as predicted) in the legislature after the 2024 election
- Worked in concert with other like-minded organizations (USCCA, NRA, NSSF, ACSL, BCSSL, WTPOA, and USP)
- **Solidified our position as the preeminent pro-gun / anti-crime organization in Pennsylvania**

FOAC-ILLEA Leadership humbly thanks all the members, volunteers, elected officials, host clubs, venues, like minded organizations, and industry professionals that have helped us to protect individual rights in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania!

2025 will have its own challenges and we look forward to more of our members stepping up and volunteering to advance the cause of Liberty in Pennsylvania!

Happy New Year!

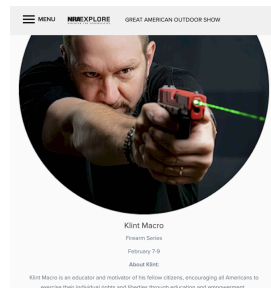
2025 Great American Outdoor Show Booth: CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

Folks, we are manning a FOAC-Institute booth at the 2025 **Great American Outdoor Show** in Harrisburg, PA from February 1-9, 2025.

This is a LONG show and we need to schedule multiple volunteers for each day to man the booth and share with attendees what FOAC-Institute is all about!



We need volunteers to pass out literature, sign up individual and business memberships, sell gun bash tickets, and spread the gospel of Article 1 Section 21 of the PA Constitution.



If you are available to help on any of the days, email by CLICKING HERE and let us know WHAT specific dates you can COMMIT to manning the booth and include your email, cell phone information.

Klint Macro, FOAC-Institute VP will be presenting seminars at GAOS on February 7, 8, and 9. The seminar schedule will be updated as we approach the show dates. **You can check the seminar schedule by clicking here.**

Semi auto for big game in Pennsylvania..... it *should* be a matter of choice!



Firearms Owners Against Crime has long supported removing restrictions on certain action types for hunting in Pennsylvania.

Back in November of 2016, FOAC fought hard to help HB263 get passed in both the PA house and senate AND lobbied the (then) Governor, Tom Wolf to sign it into law. It was signed into law by Wolf and became Act 168. This legislation gave the Pennsylvania Game Commission the sole discretion to authorize air rifles and semi-auto action types for use in hunting game in the Commonwealth of PA.

Now it is almost 9 years later, and we have not seen the full intention of Act 168 come to fruition. The intent of the legislators, representing the people of PA, was for Pennsylvanian's to ultimately have the ability to hunt deer with semi-auto rifles... if they choose to.

Currently, FOAC Leadership along with leadership from Allegheny County Sportsmen's League, Beaver County Sportsmen's and Conservation League, Unified Sportsmen of PA, and other concerned citizens are meeting with PA Game Commission leadership to discuss this issue with the goal of making changes in the 2025-2026 season.

Since the new Director of the PGC, Stephen Smith, has come on board, we have had many positive discussions and believe resolution is now possible. We have another meeting with Director Smith and some of the Commissioners in early January 2025.

Pennsylvanian's can currently hunt predators with semi-auto centerfire rifles (including AR15's) and can hunt small game with rimfire semi auto rifles (including AR15 platforms).

[Click here to read a joint statement from FOAC-Institute, ACSL, BCSCSL, and USP from 2023 that provides much more detail.](#)

We look forward to continuing to work in a positive direction with Game Commission Executive Director Smith and the Commissioners. We will keep you informed as details emerge.

Whether you want to hunt with an AR15, an M1A, a 1903A3, single shot bolt gun, Pappy's shotgun with a slug, bow, or flintlock; FOAC-Institute believes the government should not restrict your freedom of choice as to which tool you choose to potentially harvest game. It really is all about freedom.

Education is one of our missions!

FOAC Leadership is developing various educational programs to be offered in 2025. The FOAC PA Gun Law Seminars will continue to be offered across the commonwealth, but we will also be offering courses that cover various topics such as:



- Purchasing an efficient self-defense firearm
- How to train to be your own family first responder
- Concealed carry considerations
- Defending yourself and those that you love in the home
- Basic gun safety – how to exercise the gun safety rules
- Emergency first aid
- Children's firearm safety
- Countering the mass shooter threat
- Live Fire range courses

These individual programs will include curriculum and materials from FOAC-Institute, USCCA, NRA, Trigger Pressers Union, and I.C.E. Training.

These programs will be offered by FOAC-Institute education team members and will be available to various hosts (elected officials, clubs, groups, business members, churches and synagogues)

We will announce the 2025 class selection in the weeks to come. **If you are interested in joining the FOAC-I Education team, contact us by clicking here.**

OP ED: Women are leading the surge in gun ownership – here's why

By Beth Alcazar originally published 12/28/24 on The Hill

There's a quiet revolution happening in the world of gun ownership in America — and it's being led by women.

For years, firearms ownership was seen as a predominantly male activity, but recent trends show that women are driving the **surge in new gun buyers**. A recent **Gallup**

Women are leading a surge in gun ownership — here's why

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poll highlights this growing shift, showing that women are not only purchasing firearms at higher rates, they are rethinking what it means to protect themselves and their families in today's world.

This is no fleeting trend; it's a cultural shift. And it's changing the face of gun ownership across the country.

To continue reading the OP ED, CLICK HERE!

Articles To Check Out!

As 2024 Comes to a Close, So Should Belief In Gun Control's Efficacy

Firearms Ownership Is As Feminist As Feminism Gets

Inside The War On Your Gun Stores Manufacturers

Red Flag Laws: A Failure to Address Real Issues

Pay no Attention to the Fudd Behind the Keyboard: Gun Culture 2.0 and Beyond
Beware

Appeals Court Strikes Down Federal Gun Ban for Non-Violent Felon
Motions Filed in Fight Against Pennsylvania's Carry Age Restriction Fight
Biden's Legacy on Gun Control Fleeting at Best



60 Minutes Praises The Galactic Empire's Gun Control Policies

PARODY at its best!

This parody piece from the Babylon Bee is sure to make you chuckle.

In Closing



In many of my classes I will ask, “how many of you own one firearm.” Of course, typically, all hands will raise. Then I will follow up with, “keep your hand up if you own 2 firearms”. Most hands will stay up. Then I will continue with 3, then 4, then 5, then 6, Etc....

Collecting IS a thing!

There is so much history and innovation in firearm designs over the years, and if each of your “collector” guns could talk, imagine the stories they could tell.

My personal collection consists of defensive tools, privately made 3D printed frame “Glock-y” builds, AR15’s, target rifles, bolt guns, flintlocks, cap and ball pistols, percussion shotguns, childhood rimfires, and American battle rifles.

In 2024, I have lucked upon a few of my “missing” battle rifles and the Lord has blessed me with the financial means to *“not walk away from a deal I shouldn’t walk away from”*.

The collection starts (left to right) with the first widely issued metallic cartridge gun, the trapdoor Springfield. First issued in 1873, to be used with black powder cartridges (45 caliber bullet with 70 grains of powder) mine is an 1884 model and may have seen service in the Plains Wars or possibly in the Philippines, although I have not yet confirmed this. This particular one was a bit rusty when I got it, but with a little elbow grease and love and care, it is fully functional and maintains most of the original patina.

The 1892 “Krag” Springfield was the next rifle to be adopted by the US Military and the first smokeless cartridge “repeater” rifle. Mine is a model 1898 (2nd from the left) and I purchased it early this year from FOAC-Institute life member Denis Kuchta (Thanks Dennis!!). It is in excellent and serviceable shape and may have seen combat in the Spanish-American war or WW1... though I have yet to confirm that. It is easily spotted by its odd magazine.

The Springfield 1903 was the next rifle to be adopted by the US. It was pretty much a German Mauser knock off and there were many legal actions taken by Mauser and their parent company surrounding the patent infringement of this design. That is an interesting story on its own. The “1093” rifles were made well into WWII. My rifle (3rd from the left) is actually a Remington 1903 (modified), made in December 1942. It very likely saw service in WWII, however, I have yet to confirm this.

The next is US Enfield of 1917 (4th from the left). This was the most widely issued rifle to US doughboys in WWI. It was an American version of the Enfield rifles made by Remington for the British in WWI. Mine was made in Pennsylvania in 1918 by Eddystone and very likely saw service in WWI, however, I have yet to confirm that. I purchased this rifle this year from **MT Arms in Somerset, PA**. It is a GREAT store!

5th from the left is the Remington 1903A3. This was a very widely issued rifle in WW2. Mine was made in 1943 and very very likely saw service in WWII... but I have yet to confirm this. When I got this rifle, it had a cut down stock on it, so I bought a new replacement stock for it and got all of the bands and screws from **Sarco in Easton, PA**.

One of America's most "American" rifles that won WWII was the M1 Garand (designed by a Canadian... John Garand). Mine (6th from the left) was a **CMP Rifle** that was made in 1946. It has new wood on it and likely saw service in Korea.... Although I have not confirmed this as of yet. I asked the folks at CMP to do a brother a favor and send me a real "shooter". They really took care of me.

It is amazing to think that the US was the only military in WWII that had a standard issue semi auto infantry rifle.

The next is the M1 Carbine. Although technically not a "battle rifle", the M1 Carbine was used widely in WWII especially in the Pacific theatre. Mine (7th from the left) is a 1960's re-issue and I bought it at another awesome PA gun shop, **King Shooter Supply in King of Prussia**. (Thanks Patricia!)

The M14 was the battle rifle that had the shortest "standard issue" lifespan. I think that the M14 is the most attractive battle rifle. I also think the Colt 1860 is the most attractive percussion pistol too, so perhaps I have a "type". Mine (8th from the left) is actually a Springfield Armory M1A that I got in New Hampshire (**Manchester Firing Line**) earlier this year. I found a period correct stock from **Numrich gun parts** (it has the "fun switch" cut out) and I put on a period correct cotton loop sling.

Next there are 3 "holes" in my collection. Although some pure-ists would say the M14 was the last of the "battle rifles", I need to add the GI black rifles to the family.

Interestingly enough, many would say that the AR15 is now the reigning "American Rifle", and it is another one designed by a Canadian. Yes, Eugene Stoner was from Canada too.

I need an Armalite AR15 (with the charging handle in the carry handle), a Colt 604 (1st Gen M16) and a M16A1. I'd be very happy with semi-auto reproductions. So, if you ever see one... let me know.

9th from the left is the M16A2. Well, it is a semi-auto Colt Sporter fashioned like an A2.

Another "hole" would be an M16A4... that is something I will build next time I have a little time. Well, at least a semi-auto version.

Lastly, (10th from the left) is my M4 Carbine. It is a build with mostly period correct parts (except the stripped lower receiver). The barrel IS a 14.5 Colt barrel (with a 2" flash hider welded and pinned), a KAC Rail System, KAC BUIS and a B5 style contract stock. This M4 represents 2003-era Iraq Invasion. If any of you vets out there have an old beat up Aimpoint Comp M2 or M4 that accidentally made it back to the states in your duffle bag... I'd be very interested in putting it on to of this carbine.

Each year these rifles get older and further away from their hey-day... much like all of us. This New Year, whether you collect guns, stamps, WWII pin up pictures, pinecones or

coins... be sure to collect precious memories with those that you love. Sharing time with people you care about is much more valuable than metal and wood.

Hoist a glass tonight. Don't drink and bid on gun broker. Don't drink and drive. DO hold your significant other, your children, your parents, and/or your friends tight and let them know you Love them.

Here's to 2025!!!

From all of us at FOAC-Institute, we wish you a heartfelt HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Stay Armed and BE Well Regulated!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Klint Macro
FOAC-Institute VP



FOAC-Institute is continuing to fight for the hearts and minds of our fellow Pennsylvanians to promote individual liberties and freedoms. We are steadfast and resolute and dedicated to protecting our Constitution and advancing the cause of the 2nd Amendment and Article 1 Section 21 of the PA Constitution.

FOAC-Institute's educational efforts are expanding across the Commonwealth. FOAC-ILLEA volunteers are teaching more concealed carry classes each month and additional virtual education events are forthcoming.

FOAC-Institute is continuing to fight in the courts. Whether this means new litigation to challenge local tyrants, fight the bureaucrats that make it harder for Pennsylvanians to exercise their most basic rights, or the funding of amicus briefs to support others who are already involved in court battles, we are actively helping to establish case law that will help advance the cause of liberty.

FOAC-Institute volunteers research proposed legislation, consult with experts, and offer advice to elected officials about legislation as well as educate the public on the strength or

folly of legislation that could have lasting positive or negative effects upon our liberty and the liberty of our children.

I urge you to help me spread the word about FOAC-Institute. Share this newsletter and the website with your sphere of influence. Get a fellow gun owner to join FOAC-Institute.

[Sign up for membership HERE.](#)

[Contact your Legislators HERE.](#)

[Read previous newsletters HERE.](#)

The **[FOAC-Institute website](#)** is a wealth of information. Track current legislation, contact legislators and elected officials, look up gun laws, read easy to understand synopsis' on stand your ground, castle doctrine, and legal use of force. Keep up to date with current gun related news. There is all this and more on the **[FOAC-Institute website](#)**.

Get involved!

If you have read this entire newsletter and made it here to this statement... you are already interested and vested.

[Donate your time, your talents, or your treasure.](#) VOTE pro-2A and get your friends to vote pro-2A as well. **[Become a member](#)** and get your friends to become a member. If you are already a member, consider "**[upping your membership](#)**" to a higher level. **[Volunteer](#)** to help at the bash. **[Volunteer](#)** to join a committee to send emails, write letters, make phone calls... NOW IS THE TIME TO DO. DON'T PUT IT OFF. "We the People" have been sitting on the sidelines too long.

An Armed and Educated Citizenry is the true check and balance in our Constitutional Republic and the ultimate homeland security!

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