

A well regulated Militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed. --Amendment II, US Constitution



The right of no person to keep and bear arms in defense of his home, person and property, or in aid of the civil power when thereto legally summoned, shall be called to question; . . . --Article II, § 13, Colorado Constitution

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United States Supreme Court to hear DC gun band case

In 2003, several Washington, D.C. residents filed a lawsuit against the District of Columbia for violating their right to keep and bear arms. It is illegal in DC for a person to possess an unregistered handgun and handguns cannot be registered in DC since 1978. It is also illegal to keep a “functional” long gun in your home—it must be unloaded and broken down.

In 2005, the District Court for DC basically denied the gun owners claim that the Second Amendment granted an individual right but that it was a collective right; also throwing out some other claims. They also denied “standing” for all of the plaintiffs except Dick Heller since they couldn’t demonstrate how they had been “harmed” by the DC laws. During the hearing, the DC lawyers did state that Heller would be charged if he attempted to possess a handgun so he still had standing.

The plaintiffs appealed to the US Court of Appeals for DC and in March, 2007 they reversed the lower court decision and struck down all three DC laws that had been challenged as violations of the Second Amendment. (Colorado Attorney General John Suthers joined AGs from 12 other states in filing a friend of the court brief supporting the individual rights of people to keep and bear arms.) The District of Columbia appealed that decision to the US Supreme Court.

On November 20, 2007 (Happy Thanksgiving), the US Supreme Court (SCOTUS) decided to hear the case, but only the part concerning the individual versus collective right of the Second Amendment. The SCOTUS will hear arguments early next year and should make its ruling before the next presidential election.

This is an extremely important case for ALL gun owners since many anti-gun rights laws are based on the “collective” interpretation of the Second Amendment; i.e., that only members of the militia (or National Guard) can keep firearms. You can review the many documents of this case on the PPFC website. You should also consider making a donation to one of the organizations who will be filing a “friend of the court” brief for our side, like the Second Amendment Foundation (www.saf.org).

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **December 13: PPFC Holiday Dinner and Social**
- **No PPFC Board Meeting in December**

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Next PPFC Meeting
Thursday, December 13, 2007
VFW Post 4051
430 E Pikes Peak Ave
Colorado Springs CO
6:30 - 9:00 P.M.

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PPFC Elections

We will hold PPFC elections at our January 2008 meeting. The Nominations Committee is recommending the following persons. Nomination will also be taken from the floor.

President: Dane Nowels
Programs: Teri Goodall
Fund Raising: Richard Gandolf

Treasurer: Bernie Herpin
Publicity: Harry Dierks
Social: Pat Smelser

PPFC Annual Holiday Dinner

We will hold our annual PPFC holiday dinner on Thursday, December 13, 2007, starting at 6:30pm, at our normal meeting location. All members and their families and friends are invited to attend. PPFC Board members will be providing the main course. Members are asked to bring an appetizer, salad, side dish, or desert to share. We will be inviting our elected officials.

Republican US Senatorial Candidate Bob Schaffer

Due to a miscommunication on our part, we failed to get on Bob Schaffer's calendar for our last meeting. We are trying to reschedule him for a later meeting.

Caucuses Are Coming!

The 2008 election season is already underway. There will be several important local, state, and national elections this year that can have a definite impact on our right to keep and bear arms. In Colorado, the path to an election really does begin at the grassroots level with neighborhood (precinct) meetings called a caucus. Registered voters in each party meet to elect delegates to the various nominating assemblies. These delegates will then select those candidate who will be on the primary ballot for their party. (There is also a petition process that can be used to bypass the caucus-assembly process.)

It is very important for you to attend you caucus and get elected as a delegate. You will have a say in who represents us and our rights!

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