

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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Nationally Known Author, 2nd Amendment Defender, and Lecturer to Speak

David Kopel will be the speaker at the **November 12, 2009** PPFC membership meeting.

Dave is the Research Director of the Independence Institute, a public policy research organization in Golden, Colorado. He is also an Associate Policy Analyst with the Cato Institute, in Washington. Kopel is a media critic for the Saturday *Denver Post*, a regular panelist on Channel 12's "*Colorado Inside Out*", and a blogger on the Volokh Conspiracy (the world's #8 weblog).



Kopel writes on constitutional criminal justice, civil rights, firearms policy, international affairs, technology, politics, environmental policy, and the media. He is the author of ten books, hundreds of newspaper and magazine articles, and over three dozen scholarly journal articles. His newspaper articles have appeared in the Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, and the Los Angeles Times. Among his journal publications are articles in the SAIS Review (Johns Hopkins School of Strategic and International Studies), Michigan Law Review, and the University of Pennsylvania Law Review. He is been cited by 8 state Supreme Courts, and in over 400 law review articles.

Kopel's book *The Samurai, the Mountie, and the Cowboy: Should America Adopt the Gun Controls of Other Democracies?* was named book of the year by the American Society of Criminology, Division of International Criminology. Before joining the Independence Institute, Kopel served as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Colorado, dealing with enforcement of hazardous waste, Superfund, and other environmental laws. In 1998-99, he served as an Adjunct Professor of Law at New York University. He holds a J.D. magna cum laude from the University of Michigan Law School, and a B.A. in History with honors from Brown University.

His current research interests include genocide prevention, African affairs, and the inter-relationship between religious philosophy and beliefs about self-defense.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **November 12, 2009: PPFC Membership Meeting**
- **November 15, 2009: Women on Target Event**
- **November 19, 2009: PPFC Board Meeting**

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Next PPFC Meeting
Thursday, November 12, 2009
VFW Post 4051
430 E Pikes Peak Ave
Colorado Springs CO
7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

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Friends of NRA Event

The 14th annual Colorado Springs *Friends of NRA* dinner and fundraiser was held on September 25, 2009 at Biggs Event Center. Over \$22,000 dollars was raised—our most successful event ever! Over 200 people attended including several elected officials. Money raised will be used to support the NRA Foundation, the non-profit, non-political arm of the NRA. Half of all money raised in Colorado stays in Colorado to support local firearm activities like our Women On Target clinic. Thank you for your support!

PPFC Elections

We will hold PPFC elections at the January meeting for the following positions: President, Treasurer, Director of Programs, Director of Publicity, Director of Fund Raising, and Director of Hospitality. Job descriptions are in the PPFC By-Laws on the website. Terms are two years and officers may succeed themselves or stand for election to another office. If you are interested in running, please send an e-mail to board@ppfc.org with the office you would like to seek.

Annual Holiday Dinner

We will be having our annual holiday dinner pot luck on Thursday, December 10th. This is always a great time. Please plan on attending and bring your family. Look for details in the December newsletter. We will be inviting local elected officials.

Women On Target

The Colorado Springs *Friends of NRA* committee helped secure a \$2,000 NRA Foundation grant for the PPFC to conduct a Women on Target clinic in Colorado Springs.

Women On Target is designed to create more hunting and shooting opportunities for women. There are currently about two million American women who hunt and an additional four million who enjoy target shooting. These numbers are steadily increasing.

Fulfilling its mission to "create opportunities, encourage, educate, and mentor women's responsible participation in the recreational shooting and hunting sports," Women On Target is helping women learn shooting and hunting skills in a safe and supportive women-only atmosphere!

The PPFC Women on Target event will be held on November 15, 2009. It is designed to introduce women to the shooting sports and is targeted for those women who have little or no shooting experience. If you know someone who would like to attend, please have them check out the PPFC website for details and to download an application. Cost is \$20 and includes breakfast, lunch, ear and eye protection, ammunition, a loner firearm, and program materials. The clinic will consist of classroom instruction and range time. This will be an all-day event of fun, learning, and fellowship. Class size is limited to 20 women.

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