

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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Legislative Update

There have been four bills of interest to firearm rights advocates introduced in the Colorado legislature. Unfortunately, all three good bills were killed in the Democrat controlled committee. You can get up-to-date status on the PPFC website.

- Senate Bill 10-125 (**BAD**) will add a surcharge of up to 65% on the CBI background check for a firearms transfer. Introduced by Senator Tapia. There is no House sponsor. The bill has been assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

Still More PPFC Elections

Due to health problems, Cherish Schaffer has resigned as the Director of Programs. Bob Balink was elected at the March 11th meeting to complete the unfinished term which will expire on December 31, 2011. Thanks to Bob for stepping up. This is one of the more difficult PPFC Board positions. To assist Bob, we'd like to establish a Program Committee which would be responsible for arranging for the membership meeting programs. Members had some great program ideas and we need a Program Committee to help Bob get the speakers lined up. If you'd like to serve on the Program Committee, please e-mail Bob at balinks@msn.com.

2010 Elections

The 2010 "off-year" elections are fast approaching. We will be electing all Colorado representatives, several Colorado senators, a US senator, governor, attorney general, Colorado treasurer, and several El Paso County officers including re-electing Sheriff Maketa. The election process started in your precinct with your precinct caucus on March 16, 2010. Hopefully, you attended your caucus and got elected as a delegate or alternate to the county assembly and the 5th Congressional and state assemblies. Candidates for the various offices are listed on the PPFC website with contact information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **April 8, 5:30 PM:**
PPFC Board Meeting
- **April 8, 7:00 PM:**
PPFC General Membership Meeting

PPFC Officers

President Jeff Crank
 V President..... Bob Heinrich
 Secretary Laura Carno
 Treasurer Bernie Herpin
 Membership Dan Wandell
 Programs Bob Balink
 Legislative..... Doug Davis
 Publicity Harry Dierks
 Fund Raising.. Dick Gandolf
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**Next PPFC Meeting
Thursday, April 8, 2010
VFW Post 4051
430 E Pikes Peak Ave
Colorado Springs CO
7:00 - 9:00 P.M.**

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If we want to take back the Colorado House, Senate, and governor's office, we **MUST** be involved and we **MUST** support pro-gun candidates with time and money. If you haven't donated to the PPFC Small Donor Committee, please consider doing so. The max any one person can give is \$50 per year, but the SDC can contribute 10 times more to a candidate than a normal PAC. Our support can make the difference in some very critical races including the two El Paso house seats currently held by anti-gun Democrats.

Candidates to Speak to PPFC

Continuing our election coverage, former Lt. Governor and current US Senate candidate Jane Norton will speak at our April 8th meeting. This is an opportunity to meet the candidates and hear their position on gun rights. We will be inviting in other statewide and local candidates in the following months leading up to the county and state assemblies and the primary.

Federal judge goes after gun owners

The gun grabbers in Washington are celebrating a federal ruling handed down Friday that upheld the tangle of rules that effectively prohibit District residents from owning firearms for the purpose of home defense. While the Supreme Court in its landmark 2008 Heller decision recognized the individual's right to own a gun, it also conceded that reasonable regulations on gun ownership might be acceptable. U.S. District Judge Ricardo M. Urbina took this concession as a green light to approve D.C. rules designed to create a gun ownership ban in everything but name.

Concealed Carry Reciprocity

Do you know if your Colorado Concealed Handgun Permit (CHP) is recognized in a state you want to visit? There is a link on the PPFC website to the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) list of those states that Colorado recognizes. Part of that recognition is that the other state must also recognize Colorado's permits. We also have a link to the NRA's State Firearms' Laws. Good idea to check these links out before traveling!

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