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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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Summary of Candidate Endorsements

The PPFC Political Action Committee (PAC) Steering Committee (PAC-SC) has made the following unanimous endorsements:

US Congressional District 5: **Doug Lamborn**County Commissioner District 2: **Amy Lathen**County Commissioner District 3: **Sallie Clark**County Commissioner District 4: **Dennis Hisey**

<u>How endorsements are made</u>: Under the PPFC By-Laws and Standing Rules, the PPFC PAC-SC makes candidate endorsements and determines any financial support. The PAC-SC considers several factors in making endorsements: results of the candidate survey, performance at the candidate forum, the results of the non-binding PAC member straw poll, past record in supporting our rights, and how effective they will be in advocating our rights if elected. The membership of the PAC-SC is listed in the PAC Standing Rules in the PPFC By-Laws on the PPFC website.

The primary election is June 26th. As advocates for our right to keep and bear arms, we must participate in the election process. First of course is to vote. But you can also support those candidates and elected officials who support our rights by volunteering on their campaigns, serving as precinct leaders and party officers, and through contributions to candidates. Contact information for candidates can be found on the PPFC website under Elections 2012.

The PPFC PAC-SC will be making additional endorsements after the primary election.

UN Arms Treaty and the Second Amendment

For nearly 20 years, the NRA has worked tirelessly to oppose any United Nations effort to undermine the constitutional rights of law-abiding American gun owners. The latest attempt by the U.N. and global gun banners to eliminate our Second Amendment freedoms is to include civilian arms in the current Arms Trade Treaty (ATT), which will be finalized this year.

In order for any treaty to take effect, however, it must be ratified by two-thirds of the U.S. Senate. To ensure that any ATT that includes civilian arms is dead on

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 14, 2012, 5:30PM: PPFC board of Directors Meeting, VFW Post 4051
- June 14, 2012, 7:00PM: PPFC Membership Meeting
- July 7-8, 2012: Gun Show, Rustic Hills Event Center, Palmer Park & Academy

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arrival in the Senate, the NRA has been working to get as many U.S. Senators as possible to publicly oppose any ATT that includes restrictions on civilian arms.

Fifty-Eight senators--a majority--of the U.S. Senate have signed letters to President Obama and Secretary of State Clinton saying they will oppose any ATT that includes civilian firearms ownership. These strongly worded letters caution the President and Secretary of State to uphold the Constitution of the United States. As Senator Jerry Moran's letter warns, "(A)s the treaty process continues, we strongly encourage your administration to uphold our constitutional protections of civilian firearms ownership. These freedoms are non-negotiable, and we will oppose ratification of an Arms Trade Treaty presented to the Senate that in any way restricts the rights of law-abiding U.S. citizens to manufacture, assemble, possess, transfer or purchase firearms, ammunition and related items."

Thanking the NRA for our long-standing work on this issue, Senator Moran remarked, "I appreciate the NRA's partnership on this important effort to defend the rights of American gun owners. I want to thank them for their active support in sending a strong message to the Obama Administration that our firearm freedoms are not negotiable."

As we have for nearly two decades, the NRA will continue to fight against any U.N. treaty that undermines the constitutional rights of American gun owners. These letters send a clear message to the international bureaucrats who want to eliminate our fundamental, individual right to keep and bear arms. Clearly, a U.N. ATT that includes civilian arms within its scope is not supported by the American people or their elected U.S. Senators. We are grateful to Senator Moran, Senator Jon Tester, and all members of the Senate who have chosen to stand on the side of America's 80 million gun owners in opposition to those who want to eliminate our freedoms. And thank you as well to those NRA members who contacted their Senators and encouraged them to support this critical effort.

PPFC Renewal Time

Check the expiration date of your membership above your name on this newsletter. If your membership expired on December 31, 2011, it is time to renew. To save the cost of printing and mailing renewal notices, please consider renewing on-line through PayPal. There is a link on the PPFC home page for on-line renewal. You can also print out a renewal form and mail it in if you prefer. You can also just mail a check to the above address. Dues are only \$20 for an individual membership or \$30 for a family membership. Membership cards will be available at the PPFC meetings. If you want your card mailed to you, send a SASE to the above address.

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