

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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Message from Our President

G. Scott Jackson

The New Year is upon us, and there is much to do. To make sweeping changes and regain our lost liberties, we need to accomplish two major goals. First, we need to work to vote individuals into office who share our values, and who will fight for them in the legislature. Second, we need to fight for the hearts and minds of the citizenry to overcome the constant barrage of anti-gun fodder from the media and the White House.

Thankfully, it is an election year; and I am invigorated by the prospect of legislatively turning things around in favor of liberty. We intend for the PPFC to be a driving force in this battle. For this to happen, we need to increase our membership and our funding.

Several horrific events happened last year that brought out the anti-gun crowd in full force. Their easily anticipated arguments can be refuted with fact and reason. Though, changing hearts and minds isn't that easy. Our opponents question our morality, as if their position commands a higher moral perch. They use blinding emotion, delivered with passion, to make their case. Playing on the heartstrings of their audience, they deliver hand-picked statistics to present a skewed version of reality that fits their agenda: the end of personal firearms ownership.

The good news is that we too have passion. We also have solid moral arguments, comprehensive facts and figures, and countless real life examples of firearms saving lives. Additionally, we have large numbers of like-minded individuals. We have the tools; what we need is better organization. We need to tap into the silent majority who own guns and/or believe in our Natural Right to Self-Protection, as guaranteed by the Second Amendment. We must convince those who are on the fence, or who might be just on the other side of the fence, due to the onslaught of anti-gun rhetoric, that the morally high ground lives with the Natural right to self-protection, and that any infringement on that right is immoral.

To do this, we'll need to reach outside of our organization, and outside of our comfort zones. We'll need to work hard and work together. If you believe in these ideas the way we do, if you want to be able to tell your grandchildren that you helped save our liberties, then please donate your

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **February 11, 6:00PM: PPFC board of Directors Meeting, VFW Post 4051**
- **February 11, 7:00PM: PPFC General Membership Meeting**
- **February 6-7: RK Gun Show, Financial Expo Center, 3650 N Nevada**
- **March 12-13: Prospector Sertoma Gun Show, Event Center at Rustic Hills, 3960 Palmer Park Ave (NE corner of Academy & Palmer Park)**

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NEXT MEETING: FEBRUARY 11, 2016
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time and donate your money; get involved. Liberty won't defend itself. Collectively, we can make the difference.

Sheriff Bill Elder

At our February 11th meeting, El Paso County Sheriff Bill Elder will be our guest speaker. Sheriff Elder is a staunch defender of our right to keep and bear arms. El Paso County also leads the state in the number of concealed handgun permits issued and Sheriff Elder will update us on his office's CHP plans. Come out and support our Sheriff! Please attend and bring your family and friends!



PPFC Board Elections

In January, we elected the following members to the PPFC Board of Directors (2-year terms):

President: Scott Jackson
Vice President (1 Year): Shannon Chase
Treasurer: Bernie Herpin
Fund Raising: Dick Gandolf
Publicity: Ivy El-Zaatari

Legislature Updates

Michael Schlierf, PPFC Legislative Director, has opened a section of our Wild Apricot website with updates on legislation in the Colorado General Assembly, and other topics, that impact our right to keep and bear arms. Members can also participate in an on-line forum. To access, go to www.ppfc.org and click on Legislature Updates on the left hand menu.

Renew and Stay Involved

If the member expiration date above your address is not 12/31/2015 or later, your membership has expired. We need YOUR membership to ensure that PPFC remains a powerful voice in protecting our rights. PLEASE renew your membership now! You can renew at our meeting, on-line on the PPFC website, or mail a check to PPFC at the above address. Dues are only \$20 for individual and \$30 for family memberships. There is also a \$10 Student membership for students not already in a family membership. Please renew today! (Note: Expiration date status as of January 31, 2016.)