

*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*

*The Voice for Firearm Rights in the Pikes Peak Region*

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## The 2016 Elections will Impact our Rights

Perhaps the most important election this November will be for U.S. President and the most important reason for this is due to the untimely death of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia. Justice Scalia was the Court's most conservative member. In a court that was split 5 conservatives to 4 liberals, his voice and vote will be greatly missed. If the U.S. Senate is successful in blocking any nominee from President Obama, the next president will be nominating the next Supreme Court justice. That president MUST be a Republican and he MUST nominate a justice who believes in the original intent of the U.S. Constitution and protection for our rights.

In Colorado, we will elect a U.S. senator. Senator Bennet is up for reelection and we need to help elect a Republican. All Colorado House seats are up for reelection. House District 17 is a "purple" district and Representative Kit Roupé MUST hold that seat. House District 18 is currently held by a Democrat. There is a Republican candidate, Lindy Tidball, and she will have an uphill battle, but she could use our support. State Senate Districts 10 and 12 are also up. In District 12, Senate President Bill Cadman is term limited, so that's an open seat.

In El Paso County, three County Commissioners seats are open. While all three seats are currently held by Republicans who firmly support our rights, there will be challengers who may not be as supportive.

To help us better understand the significance of the 2016 elections, we will have guest speakers from the NRA Institute for Legislative Affairs at our March 10 meeting. This will be an important meeting for those of us concerned about our right to keep and bear arms. Nearly daily, we hear for calls for more restrictions on our rights. It is up to us to help defend those rights by supporting pro-rights candidates.

If you are a registered Republican, you need to attend your precinct caucus on Tuesday, March 1st, 7:00PM and get elected as a delegate. Delegates will help nominate candidates for the primary. You can find out where your caucus is being held at: [www.gopelpasoco.com](http://www.gopelpasoco.com).

We can also help candidates by donating our time and money. The PPFC maintains a Political Action Committee and a Small Donor Committee. You can help us help our candidates by donating to these. The SDC can

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **March 10, 6:00PM:**  
**PPFC board of Directors Meeting, VFW Post 4051**
- **March 10, 7:00PM:**  
**PPFC General Membership Meeting**
- **March 12-13: Prospector Sertoma Gun Show, Event Center at Rustic Hills, 3960 Palmer Park Ave (NE corner of Academy & Palmer Park)**
- **March 19-20: RK Gun Show, Financial Expo Center, 3650 N Nevada**
- **April 7, 5:30pm:**  
**Colorado Springs Friends of NRA Dinner, Swan House Manor, 5515 Palmer Park Blvd**

## PPFC Officers

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NEXT MEETING: MARCH 10, 2016  
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only accept \$50 per calendar year per person, but the SDC can donate higher sums to the candidates. You can donate at our meetings, on-line, or by mailing a check.

### **Join/Renew your NRA Membership through the PPFC**

The PPFC is now an NRA Recruiter! When you join the NRA or renew your membership through the PPFC, we receive a small commission that will help us fund our programs and make donations to youth shooting programs. We recently donated \$500 to the American Legion Post 209 Young Guns program which will be used to send a young person the NRA Whittington Center summer camp program in Raton, New Mexico. To be selected for American Legion Post 209 scholarship to the camp, applicants had to write an essay on what the Second Amendment means to them. The winner that we helped sponsor will be attending a PPFC meeting after he returns from camp to read his essay to us and to tell us about his experience at camp. These young people will be the ones taking up the battle for our rights and this is a great program and a great thing that we did! Please note: We are NOT an NRA-affiliated club. We are independent and our recruiter status does NOT obligate us to follow any NRA candidate or legislative recommendations.

### **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](http://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! The PPFC Board has voted to increase our membership dues for new or renewing members as of July 1, 2016. The new rates will be: Individual: \$30, Family: \$40, and Student/Active Duty Military: \$15. If your membership has expired, renew NOW and save money. (Note: Expiration date status as of February 22, 2016.)