

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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Why Should We Care About Proposed Amendments?

In addition to critical offices being up for election (US President, US Senator, US Representatives, Colorado Senators, Colorado Representatives, etc.), there are several proposed amendments to the Colorado Constitution.

As a “single issue” organization, why should PPFC members be concerned about these amendments? Two words: Amendment 22! In 2000, anti-gun forces got Amendment 22 on the ballot. This amendment closed the so-called “gun show loophole” in the aftermath of the Columbine High School shootings. To get this proposed amendment on the ballot, the proponents had to collect a specified number of petition signatures. They concentrated their efforts in the Denver-Boulder area, completely ignoring the vast majority of Colorado in area. In 2000, PPFC member Bernie Herpin asked in a Gazette editorial, “If #22 restricts the right of private citizens to trade at gun shows, what's next? The ‘newspaper-want-ad’ loophole? The ‘bulletin-board-at-work’ loophole? The ‘father-to-son-gift’ loophole? In fact, SAFE co-founder Arnie Grossman states #22 is just a ‘first step’ toward more severe gun laws.” In fact, the Democrat controlled Colorado legislature enacted the “universal” background check in 2013.

This November, we have the opportunity to make those proposing changes to our Constitution to gather signature throughout the state. Proposed Amendment 71 would require signatures from each of the 35 state senate districts by getting signatures equal to at least 2% of the registered voters in each district.

While the Colorado legislature can repeal the anti-gun laws passed by the legislature in 2013, to remove a Constitutional provision can only be done by a vote of the people. By the way, Amendment 71 will NOT change the process for proposed amendments that REMOVE provisions from the Constitution.

At our October 13th meeting, three of the most important amendments will be discussed:

- Amendment 70: State Minimum Wage by Kelly Sloan
- Amendment 71: Requirements for Constitutional Amendments by Greg Brophy
- Amendment 72: Increase Cigarette and Tobacco Taxes by Larry Hudson

Be informed! Attend our October 13th meeting!

PPFC Elections

Speaking of elections, next January we will elect PPFC members to the following positions: Vice-President, Secretary, Program Director, Legislative Chair, PAC Steering Committee Chair, and four At-Large PAC Steering Committee Members. If you’d like to serve our members in one of these positions, please

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **October 13, 6:00PM: PPFC board of Directors Meeting, VFW Post 4051**
- **October 13, 7:00PM: PPFC General Membership Meeting**
- **October 8, 2:00PM-6:30PM: FREE PPFC Fall Member Appreciation Event, Pikes Peak Gun Club (Register on PPFC website)**
- **October 22-23: Prospector Sertoma Gun Show, Event Center at Rustic Hills, Palmer Park and Academy**
- **December 15, 6:00PM: PPFC 23rd Anniversary Dinner, Marriott Hotel (Purchase tickets on PPFC website)**

PPFC Officers

- President.....Scott Jackson
- V President..... Vacant
- Secretary.....Ellen Davis
- TreasurerBernie Herpin
- Membership..... Paul Nigro
- Programs Larry Liston
- Legislative..... Vacant
- Publicity Vacant
- Fund RaisingDick Gandolf
- ChaplainRich Hilton
- Sgt-at-Arms..... Doug Davis
- Gun Shows Paul Nigro
- PPFC PAC..... Vacant

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NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 13, 2016
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speak to any Board member at our next meeting or send an email to board@ppfc.org.

Save the Date!

The PPFC 23rd anniversary dinner will be on December 15, 2016 at the Colorado Springs Marriott Hotel. We have a special speaker for our dinner: **Kimberly Corban**. Kimberly grew up in Greeley. She completed undergraduate and graduate coursework at the University of Northern Colorado, located in her hometown. In May of 2006, after finishing her sophomore year, Kimberly was sexually assaulted in her college-area apartment by a stranger who broke in through a window. Upon surviving her rape, she immediately reported the crime to authorities and served as the key witness during her attacker's trial and conviction in 2007. Kimberly aims to continue to fight for victim rights and the ability to choose how best to defend ourselves.

Tickets are available on the PPFC website! Click 23rd Anniversary Dinner on the home page to register. You do not want to miss hearing from a real champion in the fight for our rights!

PPFC Member Fall Appreciation Shoot and BBQ Day

The PPFC Fall Membership meeting will celebrate YOU, our dedicated members. A FREE shooting event and BBQ for PPFC members and family members at the Pikes Peak Gun Club - Isaac Walton facility. Bring a friend, or better yet, friends!

Featuring:

- Three pistol shooting venues. Bring your pistol, ammo, and eye/ear protection gear. Range will be open from 2:00pm - 5:00pm
- Cook out dinner- starring Chef Scott Jackson, PPFC President, at the grill starting at 5:00pm.

When: Saturday, October 8th, Range open 2:00pm - 5:00pm, BBQ at 5:00pm

Where: Pikes Peak Gun Club Range, 450 S Franceville Coal Mine Road (South off CO-94)

How: Free Admission to current PPFC members, \$5 for PPFC family members who are not PPFC members (to be collected at the event), and \$30 Admission Fee for non-members (Includes 1 year PPFC Individual membership).

Register on-line on the PPFC website. Check the notice on the home page to register. **Registration required to ensure we have enough food!**