

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

VOLUME 24, ISSUE 11

NOVEMBER 2017

Pikes Peak Firearms Coalition Statement on Las Vegas
Scott Jackson, President

Evil exists. There is no doubt of that. Horrific events such as the meaningless mass murders that recently took place in Las Vegas are a stark, cold, and shocking reminder, of this. We can, and do, pray for the souls of the lost, for the injured survivors, and for all the suffering family and friends. We can mourn the losses. And, we can look for ways to prevent reoccurrences. These are all natural reactions. But, in this necessary quest for prevention, we must be mindful not to misplace blame.

There will always be people with evil in their hearts, both sane and insane, who are Hell bent on ill intent. And, the gun may become a tool of choice to act out violence. But, the gun isn't the source of the evil, any more than a truck used to mow down a crowd of people is. Virtually any inanimate object can become a weapon if used as such.

So, where does the problem stem from? Does it stem from a society that accepts ever increasing gratuitous violence in its games and entertainment, as normal? Does it stem from our apparent need to continually raise the shock factor bar, in order to be shocked? Does it stem from a society that, in an effort to connect with everybody and everything via smartphones and television screens, ends up connecting with almost nobody, resulting in isolation of the individual? How about the idea that we tend to ignore mental illness in our citizenry? Is this sort of behavior encouraged by a media with an insatiable appetite for ever increasing ratings and market share that promotes division within society as a means to feed that need? Does it stem from a breakdown of the traditional nuclear family? How about the modern desire for individual fame? More likely, it is a combination of all these factors, and many more.

So, what do we do, then? I don't know the answer to that. There are a lot of societal ills out there that frankly are outside the purview of this coalition. We each need to look inside our own hearts and do what we believe to be good and right, when it comes to all that.

What I do know is that limiting our abilities towards self-protection is not the answer. Taking guns away from law abiding citizens will leave those same law abiding citizens without a means to protect themselves from the very evils we are fighting. A chief argument against firearms out there is that firearms make it too easy to kill people. What that argument fails to account for is that firearms make it easier for weaker people to defend themselves against stronger menacing attackers. So, long as there remains a disparity in size and strength between people, a form of equalization is necessary for self-protection. To loosely quote Wayne La Pierre, the best way to fight bad guys with guns is with good guys with guns. There is a lot of truth to that.

Now is a time for us to stand together and fight for what we believe in. The on-

(Continued on page 2)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **November 9, 6:00PM: PPFC Board of Directors Meeting, VFW Post 4051**
- **November 9, 7:00PM: PPFC General Membership Meeting**
- **November 25-26: Gun Show, Event Center at Rustic Hills, Palmer Park and Academy**
- **December 14, 6:30PM: PPFC Holiday Potluck, VFW 4051**

Corporate Members

- SCI Colorado Chapter

Patriot Club Members

- Rocky Mountain Roosters

PPFC Officers

- President.....Scott Jackson
- V President..... Kit Roupe
- Secretary..... Debbie Kliche
- TreasurerBernie Herpin
- Membership Paul Nigro
- ProgramsEllen Davis
- Legislative Doug Davis
- PublicityElizabeth Hautman
- Fund RaisingDick Gandolf
- ChaplainRich Hilton
- Sgt-at-Arms..... Doug Davis
- Gun Shows Paul Nigro
- WoT DirectorJoy Hicks
- PPFC PAC..... Larry Liston

PIKES PEAK FIREARMS COALITION, INC.
PO BOX 76521
COLORADO SPRINGS CO 80970-6521
WWW.PPFC.ORG
INFO@PPFC.ORG

PRSR STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Colorado Springs, CO
PERMIT NO. 1061

NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 9, 2017
VFW POST 4051, 430 E PIKES PEAK

slaughter of attacks against our Natural right to self-protection as guaranteed by the Second Amendment, have only begun. The opponents of private firearms ownership, through and with the willing media, will pull out all the stops, and prey on the naivety of an emotionally wounded society with their misinformation. Their obvious media slant is in full force. Moreover, many who normally speak out against gun control have been silent on the issue, due to fear of being labeled insensitive, uncompassionate, or far worse. This is a time to be compassionate, yes. But, it is not a time to quietly stand by while our rights are under attack and at high risk of permanent abolition. Make no mistake, our foe are masters of, in their own words, not letting a crisis go to waste. They will take full advantage of the shock and emotion resulting from the Las Vegas shootings.

Remember, **you** are the best antidote to their offense. Talk to your family, friends, and neighbors. Make sure they know the truth. Take time to write to your elected representatives. Help us to ensure that we remain able to protect ourselves, our families, and those around us, and that we are able to fight the horrific effects of evil

El Paso County Sheriff Bill Elder

Our November 9th meeting will be a presentation by our Sheriff, Bill Elder. Sheriff Elder is a staunch supporter of our right to keep and bear arms. This is your chance to hear from the Sheriff and get updated on what's happening at the Sheriff's Office.

Win a Great Firearm!

At our December 14th pot luck dinner, one lucky person will win a Ruger Mark IV Lite semi-auto pistol in 22LR with simple, one-button takedown. Only 100 tickets will be sold at \$10 each. They are available on the PPFC website, at our PPFC meetings, or by mail at the above address.



December PPFC Potluck

For our December 14th meeting, we will go back to our traditional pot luck dinner. Your Board members will be providing the main course. Members are asked to bring an appetizer, salad, side dish, or dessert to share. PPFC will provide table service and plates. Drinks will be available from the VFW or you can bring your own.

We will also have a silent auction. If you know a business or have something you'd like to donate, please contact our fundraising chair, Dick Gandolf, dicknjudy43@outlook.com, (719) 310-6414.

Stay Informed!

Check the PPFC website for info on upcoming PPFC events, gun shows, meetings, etc. Please check the expiration date of your membership above. **If expired, please renew** on line or mail a check to the above PPFC address: \$30 Individual, \$40 Family, \$10 Active Duty Military/Student.