

Legislative Spotlight... *Continued*

surveillance cameras being so open to hackers.

Three of the most popular brands of closed-circuit surveillance cameras are sold with remote internet access enabled by default, and with weak password security — a classic recipe for security failure that could allow hackers to remotely tap into the video feeds, according to new research”

~ Wired Magazine

And then – to discover that the United States – the beacon of the world in all things technological – is actually one of the *most insecure nations* when it comes to security cameras, the issue is really brought home. It was disturbing to discover that one can figure out how to fiddle with a security monitor with a simple Google search.

...the U.S. is still number one by having more insecure security cameras than any other nation in the world, and anyone with an Internet connection can peer into the owners’ businesses, homes, and even the privacy of bedrooms.

~ Network World

Assemblyman McCarty believes that his legislation will protect us from the vast problem of firearm straw purchasers – which are rare, of course – especially given the number of guns purchased and transactions recorded.

Don't you feel safer already?



2016 Fun & Fundraising

We started out the year with a **bang** and a **band** at the first fundraising banquet of 2016 in Yuba City! Thanks to our loyal and devoted members and friends in Sutter County - along with country music artist Stephan Hogan - we had a fantastic event and are eager for the next dinner in April! The Annual Sacramento Crab Feed & Tri-Tip Dinner will be held at the Citrus Heights Community Center on April 22 and we are anticipating it will be even bigger than last year! Get your friends and family together and join us for another evening celebrating the Second Amendment! Sacramento Sheriff Scott Jones will be joining us, as will Sheriffs from surrounding areas. We will be honoring and thanking our law enforcement officers for dedicating their lives to protecting us and for joining the fight to help us protect our families.

Future events for 2016 include (but are not limited to):

April 22
Sacramento Crab Feed & Tri-Tip Dinner
Citrus Heights Community Center

June 4
Sporting Clay Shoot & Competition (The Scott Friesen & Carrie Herbertson Memorial Shoot)
Camanche Hills Hunting Preserve

June 17
Oroville Prime Rib Dinner
Oroville Southside Community Center

TO: **SENATOR H. L. RICHARDSON, (ret.)**

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We've Lost a Lion

By Sam Paredes, Executive Director

The Second Amendment had no greater friend than Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia.

The 2nd Amendment had no greater defender of the Constitution than Justice Antonin Scalia.

The 2nd Amendment community has lost an unrivaled hero.

Gun owners around the country issued a collective gasp when they heard the news that this lion of the Supreme Court had passed away in February.

For 30 years, Justice Scalia served our nation with principle, passion and phenomenal intellect. Appointed by President Ronald Reagan, his outspoken wit and brilliant vision of what the Constitution is supposed to be had a profound impact on – and will continue to be a beacon to American gun owners. His refusal to legislate from the bench set him apart from his fellow jurists and as the author of the Heller decision, reaffirmed the true intent of the 2nd Amendment.

“As long as judges tinker with the Constitution to ‘do what the people want,’ instead of what the document actually commands, politicians who pick and confirm new federal judges will naturally want only those who agree with them politically.”

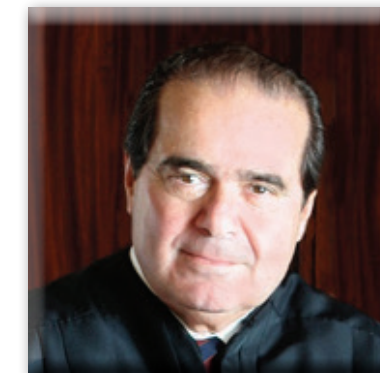
~ Justice Scalia – 2004

Texas Governor Greg Abbot's statement is spot-on in capturing the spirit of Scalia – he was as fine a human being as he was a legal giant:

“Justice Antonin Scalia was a man of God, a patriot, and an unwavering defender of the written Constitution and the Rule of Law. He was the solid rock who turned away so many attempts to depart from and distort the Constitution. His fierce loyalty to the Constitution set an unmatched example, not just for judges and lawyers, but for all Americans.”

“The Court must be living in another world. Day by day, case by case, it is busy designing a Constitution for a country I do not recognize.”

~ Justice Scalia – 1996



It is with utmost of respect and gratitude that Gun Owners of California offers continued prayers of comfort to Justice Scalia's family – his wife, nine children and 28 grandchildren. A replacement of his extraordinary caliber will surely be difficult to attain and already, a battle is brewing about who it will be and when it will happen.

See Inside . . .

2016 Legislative Update

By GOC Staff

Here's a partial list of bills your elected officials are pursuing at the Capitol:

BAD STUFF

AB 1663/Chiu [D] OPPOSE

Classifies a semiautomatic centerfire rifle that does not have a fixed magazine with the capacity to accept no more than 10 rounds as an assault weapon. Bans future sale or purchase of most centerfire semi-auto rifles.

AB 1664/Levine [D] OPPOSE

Defines detachable magazine and requires DOJ registration. Bans future sale or purchase of most centerfire semi-auto rifles.

AB 1673/Gipson [D] OPPOSE

Expands the definition of firearm to include an unfinished frame or receiver that can be readily converted to the functional condition of a finished frame or receiver. Bans 80%ers.

AB 1674/Santiago [D] OPPOSE

Prohibits purchase of long guns to one a month.

AB 2459/McCarty [D] OPPOSE

Requires all purchases of firearms and ammo to be videotaped that makes facial features visible.

SB 880/Hall [D] OPPOSE

Revises the definition of assault weapon to mean a semiautomatic centerfire rifle, or a semiautomatic pistol that does not have a fixed magazine. Bans future sale or purchase of most centerfire semi-auto rifles.

SB 894/Jackson [D] OPPOSE

Requires reporting of firearm theft/loss to law enforcement within specified number of days; mandates penalties for non-reporting. If you don't report, you are the criminal...

SB 1006/Wolk [D] OPPOSE

Creates the California Firearm Violence Research Center at the University of California to research firearm related violence.

SB 1407/De Leon [D] OPPOSE

Requires a person who manufactures or assembles a firearm to apply for a unique serial number of other identifying mark with the DOJ; requires a firearms eligibility check before DOJ can grant application.

SB 1446/Hancock [D] OPPOSE

Revises the definition of large capacity magazine feeding devices that hold a capacity of more than 10 rounds of ammunition to include those permanently modified to hold no more than 10 rounds. Bans all legally owned 10+ round magazines.

SJR 20/Hall [D] OPPOSE

Urges the Congress to lift an existing prohibition against publicly funded scientific research on the causes of gun violence and its effects on public health and to appropriate funds for that research.

GOOD STUFF

AB 1869/Melendez [R] SUPPORT

Makes the buying or receiving of a stolen firearm, with knowledge that the property was stolen, a misdemeanor or a felony.

AB 2340/Gallagher [R] SUPPORT

Exempts from both the gun free school zone and the university prohibitions a person holding a valid license to carry a concealed firearm who is also protected by a domestic violence protective order.

AB 2478/Melendez [R] SUPPORT

Makes firearms offenses punishable by imprisonment (reverts to pre-Proposition 47 statute).

AB 2508/Mathis [R] SUPPORT

Allows a handgun model removed from the roster for any reason other than its failure upon retesting to be reinstated to the roster upon a petition to the Attorney General for reinstatement.

AB 2540/Melendez [R] SUPPORT

Provides an exemption from the sales and use tax laws for the gross receipts from the sale of, and the storage, use, or other consumption of gun safes and trigger locks.

AB 2666/Baker [R] SUPPORT

Provides punishment for subsequent convictions of felons in possession of a firearm.

SB 1332/ Mendoza [D] SUPPORT

Requires the Department of Justice to modify its registration form so that both spouses may register as the owners of the firearm.

Legislative Spotlight It's Big Brother!

That's right, Big Brother is here – and wants to see your face every time you buy a box of ammo or a gun.

AB 2459 by Assemblyman Kevin McCarty (D-Sacramento) mandates that every single firearms and ammo transaction be videotaped. His bill would also “require a licensee to ensure that its business premises are monitored by video surveillance that... visually records and archives footage of every sale or transfer of a firearm or ammunition, in a manner that makes the facial features of the purchaser clearly visible...”, say cheese!

There have always been a lot of bad ideas that come out of the Legislature, but this one's near the top of the nonsense chart. For all those liberals who buy guns but don't want anyone to know, we would think this might make them feel *uncomfortable*. But uncomfortable enough to cast a “no” vote? This remains to be seen.

There are far bigger problems than what a liberal might encounter in the aftermath of purchasing a gun – this will impact the privacy for all of us. **GOC believes that law abiding citizens deserve privacy every bit as much as someone in the public spotlight.**

And this is not just an issue of privacy – it's also an issue of *security*.

According to Forbes, a security researcher discovered it's not that hard to hack a video surveillance system—or more specifically the network video recorder to which it's attached. The “research uncovered flaws in ... devices that expose the surveillance system to denial-of-service, information disclosure, and other critical flaws—all without requiring authentication. The cameras ... are typically connected to the Internet by design, and these critical vulnerabilities enable an attacker to hack into the system remotely from anywhere in the world.”

Wired Magazine has also reported on this, revealing some scary research about popular

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Five Degrees To Domination

By GOC Staff

Sounds ominous but it's not – think of it as an extraordinary **possibility**.

Did you know that in the last election, our statewide voter turnout was just a tad over 42%?

Did you know that if roughly **half** of California gun owners had actually voted, **we would have made more than just a dent in the liberal legislature** – you know, the one that is intent on video-taping each firearm and ammo purchase? The same group that's zealous about “out anti-gunning” each other – the ones who want to limit **all** gun purchases to **one** a month?

Yes – we could have made more than just a dent. We could have taken over the place!

GOC is eager to do just that – elect pro-gun men and women who will turn the tide **against** us – into a wave of support **for** us. But how can we do this? How can YOU do this, being just one person?

It's called **5 Degrees to Domination** and it works like this:

1 person gets 10 people to register to vote. Those 10 people get 10 people. Do this five times and BAM – **we could have over a million pro-gun voters identified – regardless of party affiliation.**

If your friends are already registered, then get them to commit to being a 2nd Amendment voter. Let them know that you will help them vote for those who support their rights if they need it.

Are you in?

The 2016 election is like none we have witnessed in our lifetime. We are in a profound struggle because there's been a quantum leap in the gun control movement. Let's stand for the generations that will follow us and let's begin to think of things this way: **if every gun owner took the time to vote – and encouraged their friends and families to do the same – we would have the power to put an end to this assault on our rights.**

Are you sick and tired of being portrayed by

the media as a wild-eyed, anti-government nut who lives in the backwoods with an arsenal? Or likened to a terrorist? We are the backbone of this nation – we love our families, our homes, and deserve the right to protect them from a rising rate of big-city homicide and ever encroaching gang activity. They don't see our civil right to self-protection as somehow... worthy.

That being said, an uninformed voter is a dangerous one – which is why we are encouraging every gun owner out there to **become informed – and therefore armed**. And then we want you to VOTE.

We've made it easy for you – just go to registertovote.ca.gov. And to make certain that “life” doesn't get in the way and keep you from actually getting to the polls on Election Day, consider becoming a “permanent absentee”. This means a ballot will come directly to your home before the election – all you have to do is fill it out and drop it back in the mail. It's really as easy as 1 – 2 – 3.

Will you stand to protect your future? Our future? Register to vote and join Gun Owners of California so we can keep you informed as to which candidates are defenders of our civil right to self-defense and which candidates are willing to take your guns away!

By the way, if any of your friends say they don't want to register to vote because they do not want to be called to jury duty you can tell them that if they have a CA Driver's License or ID card they are already on the list.

CA Sheriffs: NO to Newsom

By GOC Staff

In a letter to Lt. Governor Gavin Newsom, the California State Sheriffs Association announced their opposition to his fraudulent “Safety for All” campaign to restrict ammo purchases and compel the state to confiscate commonly owned property from the law-abiding.

“Effectively, this measure will create a new class of criminals out of those that already comply with common sense practices that now exist,” wrote President Martin Ryan, Amador County Sheriff and PAC Chair Gregory J. Ahern, Alameda County Sheriff. *“The focus of efforts to reduce gun violence in this state should be on those responsible for that violence, not those that have no intent to do harm.”*

The Sheriffs are right on the money when they argue that the initiative *“would not prevent criminals from obtaining guns and ammunition via the black market or theft.”*

Newsom and his anti-gun cohorts will stop at nothing to get the initiative to the ballot – even going so far as to use outlandish and dishonest “statistics” which caught the attention of the Pulitzer prize winning Politifact. In a campaign email blast last December, our Lt. Governor (and presumptive Democrat candidate for Governor) said *“So far in 2015, there have been more mass shootings than days.”* And Democrat Assemblyman Richard Pan added to Newsom's ridiculous statement in a January press release, saying *“there were more mass shootings in America where four or more people were killed, than there were days in the year in 2015.”*

According to the Politifact article, they claimed that Newsom's statements have been **“mostly false”** and that *“from 1999 through 2013, there were about 21 mass shootings each year in the United States, according to a congressional analysis of FBI data.”*

From GOC's perspective, such dishonesty should spell BEWARE for the voters of California. We believe that once someone lies – politician or otherwise – they have made the decision that you aren't worth the truth and as such, there is really no reason to trust them – ever.

Newsom's “Safety for All” Initiative has been collecting signatures since December 31, and GOC has joined with other strong constitutionally minded groups to wage battle by forming the **Coalition for Civil Liberties**. For more information on the Coalition's efforts, go to www.stoptheammograb.com