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Defending Your Right To Defend Yourself

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MEMBER RECRUITMENT CONTEST

With the current make up of the Legislative and Executive branches of government in Virginia, VCDL needs to be stronger and more active than ever. Since we both need and want new members, let's make it interesting! The VCDL Board of Directors has approved a membership contest for 2018.

To encourage you to speak to others and recruit them to membership, the contest will run to the end of 2018.

Winners will be announced at Lobby Day, January 21, 2019. Remember, too, memberships purchased between now and 1 October are good until **next year** — 30 September 2019.



Simply write your VCDL membership number on the application before handing the brochure to a new prospective member. When that person mails in the brochure page with payment, you will get credit. This contest is for **new** members only—not renewals.

The person with the most credits as of December 31, 2018 will get a choice of either a rifle, shotgun, or one of three handguns! The person in second place will get the next choice out of the remaining firearms, and so on, until the top 5 individuals have received a firearm. Ammunition or other prizes will be given to those who place in positions 6 through 10. As of press time, the person in first place has 11 recruits, with 9 and 7 following. That leaves a lot of room for others in the next six months!

Working VCDL's booth at gun shows and other events is a good way to increase your recruitment numbers. Signing up friends, family, coworkers, or handing out brochures at non-VCDL events is another way. Ensure you have a brochure or three with you when you head out for the range!

Don't have a membership brochure? Use the one on page 7 of this newsletter (see "Recruiter Member Number" at the top). Even better, go to vcdl.org/join, download the full-page brochure in .pdf format, and print a few!

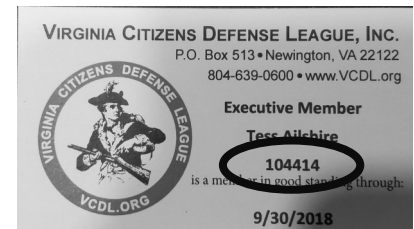
If you have an old brochure. Some old application forms still exist. Simply annotate "Recruiter Member # 104414" so the

Membership Coordinator can see it. Use your own member number, unless you want your newsletter editor to get credit for your work!

By the time you read this, we should have capability on our website for those who join online to enter the recruiter's member number if they know it. Ensure you let people know your member number. Find it on your membership card. While you're looking, ensure your membership is up to date!

On a minor, but somewhat related note, the Board has announced a discount for group memberships. A

group of ten or more applications (or renewals, but renewals don't count for the contest) mailed together from the same "organization" (Your church group? Gun club? Bowling league?) gets \$5 off their membership price. What was already the best deal in town is now better! Sure wouldn't take long to climb the leaderboard that way!



VCDL Public Meeting Dates

Thursday, Jun 21 — Annandale
Thursday, Jul 19 — Annandale
Thursday, Aug 23 — Annandale
Thursday, Sep 20 — Annandale

Additional meetings held throughout the state are announced in VA-ALERT and posted on the calendar at www.vcdl.org/calendar
Annandale meetings are held at the Mason Governmental Center, Annandale
Fellowship 7:30; Meeting 8:00 PM

EDITOR'S NOTE

Something in our last issue hit a note. I don't know what it was, but I am so pleased. In this issue, we're featuring items from three people who've never before submitted a piece for *The Defender*. Two of those three present first-hand experiences with gun control. The third touches our opponents' attempts to reframe the linguistic battlefield; it's the only option they have. We encourage you to submit your letters. If you're on Facebook, consider linking your printed letter or comment on the VCDL Facebook page.

VCDL is and always will be a member-driven organization. Nothing our leadership does, none of our supported legislation, none of our victories are possible without the ideas and efforts of our members. Now is not the time to hide our beliefs. As I write this, we've seen a series of nationwide, student-led pro-2A marches and we've seen at least two separate rallies in Virginia — one on the Capitol grounds and one at Mount Trashmore park. All these are conceptualized and carried out by individuals, not organizations. People lead change.

It's time that many communities are planning National Night Out activities for the first Tuesday in August. What if you were to take a roll of GUNS SAVE LIVES stickers to the event? Perhaps you could request a pro-2A speaker, maybe someone who has used a firearm to stop a crime.

As I write this, I'm planning to attend a community-sponsored seminar on "Surviving an Active Shooter" — oddly, held on a military base where carry is not an option. I look forward to reporting on that in the next issue. There's another session on June 14 in Fairfax, VA; sign up by going to the National Safety Council page at nsc.org and clicking on "home safety".

Tess Ailshire
Editor



PRESIDENT'S PEN

MARCHING TO TAKE AWAY CIVIL RIGHTS?

I remember, as a child, in the 1960s, watching the rallies, marches, and protests on the news in support of making all Americans equal. And that made sense to me, even as a young boy. The preamble to the Declaration of Independence starts out, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that **all men are created equal**..."

And the struggle for the civil rights for ALL Americans was largely successful.

But things have changed. Down is now up and up is now down. The First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments are all under attack. But the Second Amendment is, by far, the one in the crosshairs.

In this alternate universe where we find ourselves living, some people are actually marching to take away one of their (and our) key civil rights. The civil right that says citizens can defend themselves and their family from criminals and even from their own government if it's gone rogue.

Who in their right mind would march **against** a civil right?

Part of the problem is ignorance. Our schools are busy indoctrinating students into the world of political correctness, not teaching them civics or about the evolution of our liberties in this great country. Responsibility? Forget about it. Schools drill children to be frightened of guns. Bite a Pop Tart into the shape of a gun and you are the one who is toast. Draw a gun on paper and you're gone. Wear a hat inscribed with nothing but the words "Smith & Wesson" and you're expelled. Kids who are earnestly marching for gun control have purposely not been taught about the fate of those in the past who were disarmed by their governments.

As I expected, much of the steam in the student movement is dissipating rapidly. It's really an Astroturf movement driven by adults with an agenda and the kids are mostly ignorant pawns.

NOBODY WANTS TO TAKE YOUR GUNS! Uh, wait a minute...

The truth behind the gun-control movement continues to come out. For years we were told, "Nobody wants to take your guns away." And for years, VCDL has said, "Yes, they do."

Now there is an increasing call from Democrat leaders to do just that - repeal the Second Amendment and confiscate the guns. The confiscation plan varies. Sometimes it just takes the guns, period. Other times, a tiny amount of sugar is added to the poison by offering some kind of token payment for those guns. A token payment to take us from free men and free women to helpless slaves, like the various police states and dictatorships that dominate so much of the rest of the planet.

Some Democrats, worried about the word "confiscation" being batted around during the Congressional mid-term elections in November, have tried to tell their cohorts to "ix-nay on the onfiscation-cay." But the call for confiscation and repeal of the Second Amendment continues to be heard from Democrats, as they continue to be the party of gun control, and by logical extension, the party of enslavement.

We can't count on the Republican Party to save us, unfortunately. They, too, have some leaders who don't like people with the power to defend themselves. The

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UPCOMING GUN SHOWS AND EVENTS

If you'd like to work a show, email the coordinator and ask to be put on the mailing list used for volunteers. Volunteers get free admission to the show, and some vendors offer discounts to other vendors, including our volunteers.

Verify all schedules; this list is correct as of press time.

CHANTILLY—Dulles Expo Center

Jun 8-10 Jul 27-29 Sep 28-30 Dec 28-30

DALE CITY—VFW Post 1503

Oct 20-21 Dec 1-2

DOSWELL—Farm Bureau Center at Meadow Event Park

Sep 8-9 Oct 27-28 Dec 15-16

FISHERSVILLE—Augusta Expo

Sep 8-9 Dec 8-9

FREDERICKSBURG—Fredericksburg Expo & Conference Center

Jun 30-Jul 1 Oct 27-28 Dec 8-9

GREENE COUNTY OUTDOOR SHOW—Stanardsville

Jun 23-24 (Friday and Saturday only)

Contact Dale City coordinator to volunteer

HAMPTON—Hampton Roads Convention Center

Jul 14-15 Sep 22-23 Nov 24-25

HARRISONBURG—Rockingham County Fairgrounds

Nov 3-4

MANASSAS — PWC Fairgrounds

Jul 7-8 Dec 1-2

NORFOLK—Norfolk Scope

Sep 1-2

RICHMOND—Richmond Raceway Complex

Aug 25-26 Nov 10-11

ROANOKE—Roanoke Civic Center

Aug 18-19 Oct 20-21

SALEM—Salem Civic Center

Jul 21-22 Oct 13-14 Dec 22-23

VIRGINIA BEACH — Convention Center

Oct 20-21

WINCHESTER — Body Renew Fitness and Family Sports Center

Nov 3-4

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THANK YOU

A special thanks to those members who used their time to help spread the VCDL word.

HIGHLIGHT EVENT

Doomsday Tactical, Mar 24

David Black, Dan Holdron, Al Steed, Jr.

How's this for dedication? From Coordinator Al Steed:

*"Weather reports on Friday were changing almost by the hour-- and by late afternoon it looked like heavy rain/sleet/snow would start by 9 AM Saturday morning, so the store owner decided to cancel the event. But later in the early evening, weather reports said "bad" weather would not enter the big picture 'til mid-afternoon on Saturday. SW VA VCDL had already cancelled for Saturday because of the weather reports but at 8:30 AM Saturday morning saw an e-mail saying **event not canceled**. Picked up phone to confirm, found a message on phone (from late evening on Friday) from store saying event was "ON"! Got Dave Knight to send note to SW VA folks. Rallied the help by 9 AM, loaded small assortment of VCDL "stuff", table and chairs and got to the event at opening time of 10 AM! Light snow at 2 PM--sleet followed; heavy snow ran us off about 2:45 from our outside spot (no tent) !!! **A FUN EVENT** at 34-36° temperature!"*

Winchester Mar 3-4

Dave Clark (first-timer), Jerry Coffey, Joseph Cogelia, Mark Lintz

Dale City Mar 10-11

Jason Ailshire, Tess Ailshire, Tommy Bunnell, Jack Carwile, Jerry Coffey, Dexter Guptill, Ray Kasey, Richard Kroh, Brian Little, Jesus Lopez, Tom Pietras

Roanoke March 17-18

Don Beheler, David Black, Shannon Black, Ben Bower, Dennis Brooks, Bryen Dyer, Dave Evans, Sheldon Fuller, Danny Holdron, Philip Honaker, Shellie Meikle, Stephen Meikle, Ken Modica, Neil Motter, David Nialtowski, Kathy Smith, Al Steed, Jr., Linda Steed

Hampton Mar 17-18

Bryan Dunn, Mark Eggeman, Ron Lilly, Cary Nunnally, Monte Oakes, Bill Slifer, Mark Spruill, Scot Traner, Clem Tuttle

Richmond (Raceway) Mar 24-25

A.J. Austin, Jessie Cartlidge, John Gosney, Alan Penn, Evan Smith, Marvin Stalnaker, Christa Starke, Rick Stevens and his son Ricky, Bob Welch, Darrell Wyatt

Freedom Rock Fest, Buchanan VA, April 7

Ken Modica, Al Steed, Jr.

Fishersville, Apr 7-8

Ruth Carroll, Ed Martin

Salem, Apr 28-29

Brien Dyer, Dave Evans, Connie French, Ed French, Danny Holdren, Philip Honaker, Stephen Meikle, Ken Modica, David Nialtowski, Al Steed, Jr., Linda Steed

Manassas Apr 28-29

Tess Ailshire, Thomas Bunnell, Jack Carwile, Tom Fuller, Bruce Jackson, Clairia Jackson, Rebekah Koffler, Richard Kroh, Chris Lee, Joseph Mancini, James Marriott, Jim Roberson, Stanley Walker, Keith Webster

WHAT WE COULD LOSE

*by VCDL Member Simon LeRay
Former British Subject. Now a Proud American.*

Those of you who know me know that I originally come from England, and I can talk first-hand about gun control. It saddens me when I hear of club members and other shooters speaking out against particular firearms or disciplines thinking it won't affect them. I know from experience they are wrong; I've seen what happens. In 1988, all semi-automatic and pump-action rifles were outlawed (with the exception of .22 rimfire) following a mass shooting in the town of Hungerford in England. Rather than trying to fight the legislation, other shooters spoke out against those types of firearms thinking it would not affect them. Then, in 1996, all handguns were outlawed following a school shooting in Dunblane, Scotland. Again, very few shooters spoke out against that legislation. I personally had to surrender several handguns and received a very meager amount of compensation. Legislation has now progressed to the point that air rifles and BB guns are becoming heavily restricted. In addition, non-lethal self-defense tools, such as pepper spray, are prohibited. Now is the time we need to pull together and support each other. If we don't we have a good chance of losing a lot more than we bargained for.

I also get tired of hearing people say that nobody needs an AR-15. You could say the same about fire extinguishers. Nobody plans to set their home on fire so why would they need one? Because unexpected things happen. Let me paint you a picture. Imagine you are living in a city with your family when a severe weather event happens, such as a tornado. You have young children, maybe a teenage daughter. You hear reports on the news that the city is suffering power outages, then your power goes out. Some people are able to leave and stay with friends or relatives, others are not so lucky. Imagine you are part of the latter group. Now, imagine that it's going to take several days to a week before power gets restored, just like during the 2012 derecho.

Now, picture yourself sitting at home, it is starting to get dark. You hear loud noises from across the street followed by a woman screaming. You look out of your window and see a gang of 7-8 thugs breaking into your neighbor's house. You take out your cellphone to call 911, but there is no service as the local cell towers were damaged during the weather event. The gang exits your neighbor's house and starts heading your way. Now let me ask you, do you really need that AR-15 with a 30-round magazine?

Now is the time to draw a line in the sand. Contact your representatives and tell them that you are against further gun control. Educate friends and relatives about guns; practice good gun safety habits and let people know you are a responsible gun owner; donate to gun rights organizations (NRA, VCDL, GOA, etc.) that are fighting for your rights; and most importantly, if you have kids, teach them gun safety, and also teach them to look out for other kids, especially those who are being bullied. Teen suicides are reaching record highs, and each one of those has the potential to be the next school

shooter. Maybe if we can focus on helping each other rather than on blaming inanimate objects we can start to make a real difference.

GUN CONTROL IN THE US

By VCDL Member Charles Cubberly

If you are ever wondering what some folks have to go through in states that don't have the same liberties as a place like Virginia, I can surely let you know a thing or two.

I moved to VA in the spring of 2016. I grew up in New Jersey and then went to college at Virginia Tech. After graduation I lived one short year in Michigan and travelling the road for work. Finally, I settled in Northern Virginia in spring 2016.

I've called this home since I became a Virginia resident in fall 2016. Since then, I bought my own first handgun in May 2017 (now I own 4 and 1 rifle), I've become an NRA member and VCDL member, I've been to a number of gun shows, I've taken friends shooting for their first time.

Things weren't always this smooth when it came to my ownership of guns. I've always been fascinated with firearms, and that's a tough itch to scratch when you are from a place like NJ.

My father owned a number of firearms; he taught me and my siblings about safety. We had opportunities to shoot when we visited family in North Carolina, at an indoor range not far from home, and those few times we practiced rifle in the Boy Scouts.

New Jersey, as I'm sure you are aware, has some very tough restrictions on firearm ownership. I'm not sure of the entire legislative history, but I can let you know where it's at since I dealt with it first in 2011.

At 18 in NJ, you cannot just buy rifles and shotguns as in most states. You must first apply for and receive a Firearms Purchaser Identification Card. For this you must complete an application form, be fingerprinted, and fill out a Consent to Mental Health Records form. All of these must be submitted through your local police department.

So shortly after my 18th birthday in 2011 I went to submit these forms to my local PD. Let's just say they were less than happy about it. I grew up in this town of about 5000 residents my whole life. I lived at the same house, met police through school programs, Cub/Boy Scouts, DARE, and I was never in trouble (unless you count the time they scolded us for playing paintball in the woods).

NJ Police do not want you to fill out these forms. They don't want you to be another gun owner.

They informed me I would need to come back once I went to a facility to get fingerprinted (at my expense) and submitted

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those fingerprints to the PD. These fingerprints are sent to the FBI. I had to schedule an appointment for that fingerprinting, which was months away because of their low availability. Also, I would be off to college in August. In November I was fingerprinted and submitted this to the PD.

Then started the waiting game. Months went by and no answer. You have to list two non-family references on the form, and neither of them had been contacted. I called the PD a couple of times to check in and they would brush off the call with no updates.

Finally I got confirmation. In May 2012. What had been listed as a permit that only takes 30 days to issue took me 9 months.

After everything was confirmed, I had to go to the local PD to get the card. I can still recall the hostility of the PD when they went to double take my fingerprints and apply one to the back of the card (which is accompanied by all my other information and a signature from the Chief of Police).

I had completed my whole first year of college in the time it took to get this permit.

Now for the next couple years, I attended Virginia Tech but kept my NJ license and residency. This permit was so I could transport my father's guns that he had lent me down to VA so I could shoot at local ranges.

To make another long story short, I had to submit some of the exact same forms in order to purchase a handgun in VA. Yes, one application per handgun. When I went to do this, I thought it was smooth sailing since I had the NJ Firearms ID and I hadn't been in a lick of legal trouble since I first got it.

A couple months later I got a letter stating I was denied the handgun permit. When I called the PD they said it was due to information on my handgun application being different from my original application for the ID. They would not tell me what that information was, and there is no re-application method. To amend any of this requires an appeal -with a lawyer - and this gets into the range of thousands of dollars in legal costs.

I felt betrayed. I had done nothing wrong and yet I was denied my right to simply buy a handgun. I lost total faith in the legal system of my once home state.

It has been a couple years since I read that letter, and since then I have passed numerous background checks for my purchases and I'm also a concealed handgun permit owner in Virginia.

Paperwork slip ups and sluggish processes should not stop law-abiding people from owning a means to defend themselves.

I tell this story because I saw firsthand what "common

sense" gun control looks like. It feels terrible to be treated like a criminal or a threat when you have done nothing wrong. I never want to see that system in Virginia, or any other state for that matter.

My story is probably not unique, and I'm sure folks have had it much worse at the hands of unfair legislation. But I think it's important to share it with people who have had relatively smooth sailing when it comes to how they have exercised their 2nd Amendment rights.

VCDL Member Chosen as Correspondent of the Day, Richmond Times Dispatch (12 April 2018)

In Virginia, 'militia' means teens, too

Editor, Times-Dispatch:

In a thoughtful letter from a Richmond-area high school government teacher, "Civics classes still teach the Constitution," she notes that some of her students wonder if the Second Amendment's reference to a "well regulated militia" includes "teenagers purchasing weapons designed for war."

I modestly suggest that she and other government and civics teachers in our commonwealth add the following to their resource references and bring it to the attention of students: The "militia" in Virginia is clearly defined by law in Section 44-1:

"The militia of the Commonwealth of Virginia shall consist of all able-bodied residents of the Commonwealth who are citizens of the United States and all other able-bodied persons resident in the Commonwealth who have declared their intention to become citizens of the United States, who are at least 16 years of age and, except as hereinafter provided, not more than 55 years of age. The militia shall be divided into three classes: the National Guard, which includes the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard; the Virginia Defense Force; and the unorganized militia."

Accordingly, most everyone from teens to pre-geezers is subject by law to be called into militia service by the commonwealth in event of an emergency.

One might even suggest that due diligence compels us to be prepared to bring along a personally owned AR-15 (a civilian-legal counterpart to current U.S. military M-16 and M-4 rifles) and be suitably skilled in its use.

"Thoughtful discussion" is likely to follow.

Robert "Sarge" Bruce

For the full letter and the comments, visit <https://tinyurl.com/y95pju28>

A SUCCESSFUL CONVERSATION

by VCDL Member Clayton Rhoades

I'm in the process of building a new home and I've been visiting different vendors. One of the vendors is Ferguson Bath & Kitchen at 2703 Ackley Avenue in Henrico, VA. I bristled with each visit because they have an anti-gun sticker on the front door (gun with circle/slash).

I decided to email their corporate office today to express my view and seek out a point of contact. Within about 45 minutes, I received a voice mail from Ray Ferrara, Director of Security for all of Ferguson, based out of the Newport News area.

Best conversation I've ever had in one of these situations.

Ray is a patriot. Former VA State Trooper & Marine. We talked firearms and family for about 30 minutes. In short, he said he was unaware of the sign and he had already called the store to tell them to remove it. He said if it's not down by next week, to let him know and he would come here to personally remove it. I promised I would check it out next week to confirm.

He said he's not afraid of open carry or concealed carry...only criminal carry. He said the sign should and will come down. Their corporate position is not anti-gun. He shared that years ago someone was open carrying a gun in one of their stores, dropped the gun and it went off. In response, the former head of security told all the stores to adopt a "no guns" policy. Ray has been working to reverse that policy and they are removing any legacy signs that remain.

Great conversation and Ray was professional, polite, and I could not have asked for a better call. Fun conversation and a win for taking down an anti-gun sign.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY VOTING RECORDS NOW ONLINE

VCDL's 2018 General Assembly Voting Record is now on the VCDL web site! This annual report lets you see how your Delegate and Senator performed in supporting your right to keep and bear arms.

There are two listings for the House and two for the Senate—one in alphabetical order by name and the other sorted by pro-rights voting score, from best to worst.

The winners this year were:

SENATE

1st place: Senator Carrico; 2nd: Senator Dunnavant;
3rd (tie): Senators Newman, Ruff, Vogel, and Wagner

HOUSE

1st place: Delegate Webert; 2nd (tie): Delegates Freitas and Wright; 3rd (tie): Delegates Head and Rush

SCORING NOTES

* Votes are graded using a point system: 1 point for voting for a bill that VCDL supports, 2 points for a strongly supports, -1 point for oppose, and -2 points for a strongly oppose.

* Besides his actual votes on the House Floor, the Speaker gets positive points for any anti-rights bills that don't make it to the House Floor for an up-or-down vote and for any pro-rights bills that do. He gets negative points for any pro-rights bills that don't make it to the House Floor for an up-or-down vote and for any anti-rights bills that do.

* Besides their actual votes, committee chairs get positive points for any anti-rights bills that are pocket vetoed and negative points for any pro-rights bills that are pocket vetoed.

* The number of votes cast are taken into account. Someone who has voted perfectly with 64 points will be in front of someone who also voted perfectly, but only had 60 points. For example, if it weren't for one bad vote, Delegate Fariss would have been in 1st place. Because there were 32 100% scores in the House, Delegate Fariss ended up 33rd from the top with a 98% score! Delegate Cline also had only one bad vote, but with far fewer chances to vote than Fariss, he came in 34th from the top with a 91% score. A similar situation existed in the Senate, where Senator Obenshain could have easily been in 1st place, but for one bad vote that gave him a 96% score, putting him in position 12 from the top.

Delegate Webert had the same exact voting record as both Delegates Freitas and Wright, but took first place by one point because he introduced a pro-rights bill that VCDL "supported," while Freitas and Wright did not.

* Republicans dominated the pro-rights votes. The highest score for a Democrat in the Senate was Senator Lewis with a 33% score, making him 22nd from the top. In the House, the best Democrat score was Delegate Filler-Corn with 33%, making her 46th from the top.

* This was an unusual year as many legislators only got to vote on one or two bills that made it to the Floor. Hence you will see some surprising zero scores when a legislator had one chance to vote correctly on a gun bill and blew it.

* Detailed information on how the scores are calculated, as well as the actual scoring of each legislator's vote, is included in the voting record document.

DOWNLOAD THE VOTING RECORD DOCUMENT

The 2018 General Assembly Voting Record can be found by going to the VCDL web site, and clicking on the "VA Politics" menu, then selecting "Voting Records" and, finally, clicking on "2018"

VCDL Membership Application

RECRUITER MEMBER # _____

____ New ____ Renewal (Member # _____)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Phone (____) _____

Email _____

____ 1 VCDL membership: \$ 25.00

____ Donation to VCDL: \$ _____

____ Donation to PAC: \$ _____

VCDL-PAC donations of over \$100 per year require additional information needed by the State Board of Elections. If you are in this category, VCDL's PayPal system is better for donations; it compiles the required information.

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

(Note: Membership processing can take 4-6 weeks)

Method of payment

____ Cash (Do not send cash through the mail.)

____ Check (Make checks payable to **VCDL**)

____ Charge: ____ American Express

____ MasterCard ____ Visa

Credit Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Name as it appears on the card

Signature of Card Holder

Mail to:

VCDL Membership Processing Center

P.O. Box 5752

Fredericksburg VA 22403

Or save postage and use credit card or PayPal at vcdl.org/join

Contributions, gifts, or membership dues are not deductible for Federal income tax purposes.

President's Pen

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current Speaker of the House and the Senate Majority Leader are cases in point. The Republican leadership seems to prefer giving lip service in support of gun rights rather than actually delivering something of substance. They had their chance to attach national reciprocity to the Omnibus Spending Bill. But, instead, they punted. As usual, they snatched defeat from the jaws of victory.

FREE MEN OR SLAVES? WE GET TO CHOOSE.

The truth, as always, will set us free if we get off our derrières and stay informed and active by recruiting and rallying others, responding to action items, and exercising our critical right to vote in EVERY election. Primaries are in June and the general election is in November.

Our future, and the future of our children, could easily be won or lost on our watch. Elections have become razor thin. We stand that close to becoming subjects instead of citizens.

FIGHT!

* Stand up for the Second Amendment.

* Write letters to the editor of your local paper in support of gun rights.

* Don't let a pro-gun-control comment EVER go unchallenged.

* Take people who are not gun owners out to the shooting range! Nothing will break down the wall of prejudice quicker.

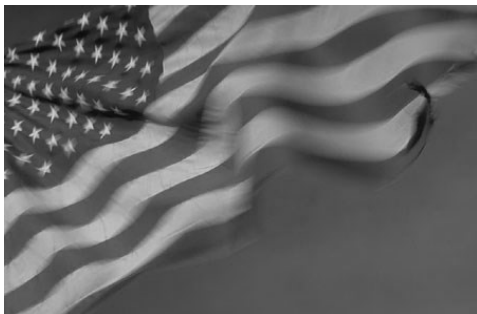
Finally, if every member signed up just **one** new member this year, VCDL could double it's membership to 13,000, just like that.

Philip Van Cleave

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EXPIRES	RENEW IN
January	August-October
February	September-November
March	October-December
April	November-January
May	December-February
June	January-March
July	February-April
August	March-May
September	April-June
October	May-July
November	June-August
December	July-September

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