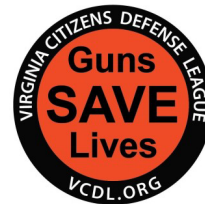




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Distance and the Threat

by William Moore



Hollywood presents fight scenes that are exciting, visually energizing, and completely fictitious. I'd like to look at the reality of the threat posed by contact weapons like ball bats, golf clubs, knives and similar household items, particularly within the home. Please remember that those "fight" scenes in the movies/TV are carefully choreographed dances, not actual attacks. The attacker with any kind of weapon has a significant advantage against anyone without a weapon they're skilled with.

Up until the late 1980s, it was widely believed that such weapons posed no threat until the user was within arm's length. Then a noted law enforcement trainer (Dennis Tueller) decided to see exactly how fast an attacker with a knife could close with an officer with a holstered duty gun. The results were that an attacker could close a 7 yard distance in about 1.5 seconds. An officer with a typical duty holster would be doing exceptionally well to get a shot off in that time. Then there's the issue that simply being shot generally doesn't end the threat.

Unfortunately, somewhere along the line the teaching moment of the trial has been distorted to what's been referred to as "the 21 foot rule." The lesson here isn't that you can shoot someone within seven yards of you—it's that you need to be aware of how quickly an attacker can close a distance and train properly. That includes not allowing a threat to get that close. Let's repeat: being shot generally doesn't instantly disable someone.

The initial scenario of an attacker whipping out a knife and making threats/demanding your money actually does take place. I've experienced it myself in an attempted armed robbery. In many cases, producing a handgun in a smooth, skilled and confident manner and coming to a ready position will convince the evildoer to go elsewhere—or at least it does if you appear to be not only able, but willing to use it. Regardless, you need to keep a suitable distance between you and an intruder or potential attacker. A six-foot tall person armed with a cane, golf club, or baseball bat and 10 feet away from you can be within striking distance with one step.

***Don't go to stupid places where
stupid people do stupid things.***

Obstacles, like tables or other bulky furniture, between you and the attacker can help with this. So can quick, large steps to one side as the threat start to move. However, if the intruder/attacker within the home continues to advance despite your commands, you need to act promptly to stop the threat. In Virginia, there is no duty to retreat within the home, its curtilage, or anywhere you have a claim of right to be.

Edged weapons expert Doug Marcaida has raised a significant point. If the attacker is highly skilled and means you harm, you're not going to see the knife, especially before the attack. You will, however, feel when it's thrust into your body. This suggests that you need to be very aware of what's going on around you and leave if things start looking "off," preferably by a preselected path. Trainer John Farnam notes: "Don't go to stupid places where stupid people do stupid things." If you can safely retreat do so, if the threat continues (you're followed), pick a place where you have a safe backstop to make your stand. Call 911 instantly afterward.

There's a good law enforcement training video from the 1980s on the dangers of edged weapons-but it applies to any contact type weapon. View it at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bcSeTaW0shU>.

VCDL Public Meeting Dates Planned

In person meetings have also resumed! They are held at 8:00 PM on the third Thursday of every month at XCAL Shooting Sports and Fitness, 44950 Russell Branch Pkwy, Ashburn, VA 20147

VCDL holds **live virtual monthly meetings on the second Sunday of each month**. These meetings are simulcast on Facebook and YouTube at [VCDL.TUBE](https://www.youtube.com/VCDL.TUBE) 8:00 PM Eastern Time..

. Watch the Events at [vcdl.org/events/event_list.asp](https://www.vcdl.org/events/event_list.asp) and the VA-ALERT for meeting notices. .



From the Editor

Two recent incidents paint in vivid color why we need responsible, legally armed citizens.

In the Uvalde disaster, trained, well-equipped men with guns did nothing **for 80 minutes** while a deranged murderer slaughtered helpless children. Outside, their fellow officers actually handcuffed unarmed parents begging to run in and save their children inside the school.

Nearly two months later, another murderer killed three people at Greenwood Park Mall in Indiana. Elisjsa Dicken, 22, shot back from a distance of forty yards. Dicken had no formal training. He was not a veteran of the armed forces or a police agency. He was an ordinary American gun owner who prepared for a time such as this.

The anti-gun crowd dismissed his heroism. He was a unicorn, they said. Maybe so, but to the people in the food court that day, he was the unicorn they needed. There were no armed police or guards. There was only Elisjsa Dicken and his Glock.

On the Uvalde matter, the anti-gun crowd predictably focused on the AR-15 used by the killer. One trope they did not pull out this time: "only cops should have guns." It's obvious why.

Mark Ching
Editor

The President's Pen

The SCOTUS Case That Changes Everything



New York State Rifle and Pistol Association, Inc. v. Bruen has the potential to change everything!

The ruling the United States Supreme Court handed down recently in the *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc. v. Bruen* case ("Bruen") has opened an important door in getting our right to keep and bear arms restored to where it was meant to be for the last 150 years.

One part does not affect Virginia at all: the ruling that "may issue" laws for carry permits are unconstitutional. Virginia is already a "shall issue" state for concealed carry and a constitutional state for open carry. However, it does affect Maryland (which is now a "shall issue" state), New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, California, Rhode Island, and Hawaii.

Yes, after getting the required 16-hour training (with some exceptions), you can apply for a Maryland CHP now.

What does affect Virginia:

- No firearm in common use can be banned (think AR-15, AK-47, semi-automatic handguns, etc.). If Senator Morrissey goes ahead with his threat of putting in an "assault weapon" ban in January and somehow through magic manages to get it passed and signed into law, it will be struck down by the courts. The U.S. Supreme Court has vacated lower-court rulings in California and Maryland upholding such bans and those lower courts are going to have to change their rulings.
- Governments cannot ban guns at public gatherings, even when there is a police presence. (At private venues, guns can be banned by the venue if state law allows that.) This is helpful to VCDL in its lawsuit against the City of Winchester's ban on guns at permitted events.
- Guns can only be banned in government buildings considered "sensitive places." For an example of a "sensitive place," think CIA—24-hour armed security, background screening to get access, badge or escort required for entry and movement, etc. The examples of sensitive places listed in the ruling were legislative assemblies, schools, and polling places. For governments to ban guns in other places there has to be a historical analog from around the time of the writing of the Constitution. Parks, recreation and community centers, and most government buildings are NOT "sensitive," and it will be an uphill climb to demonstrate that they are. This shift will help VCDL with its lawsuit against Winchester's ban on guns in parks and community and recreation centers.

Lawsuits based on *Bruen* are happening across the country. I predict that over time much of the unconstitutional restrictions on our right to keep and bear arms will be gone. Once the Winchester case has been settled (hopefully sometime in September), VCDL will then set its sights on overturning Richmond's gun bans.

Philip An Cleave

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. It's an excellent way to easily recruit members. See the winners of the 2021 Membership Drive on page 6. Verify all schedules; this list is correct as of August 7, 2022.

CHANTILLY, Dulles Expo Center
Sep 30-Oct 2 | Nov 18-20

CHESAPEAKE, Chesapeake Conference Center
Oct 29-30

DALE CITY, VFW Post 1503
None scheduled at this time

DOSWELL, Farm Bureau Center at Meadow Event Park
None scheduled at this time

FISHERSVILLE, Augusta Expo
Sep 10-11 | Dec 3-4

FREDERICKSBURG, Fredericksburg Expo & Conference Ctr.
Oct 22-23 | Dec 10-11

HAMPTON, Hampton Roads Convention Center
Sep 10-11 | Nov 26-27

HARRISONBURG, Rockingham County Fairgrounds
Oct 29-30 | Nov 26-27

LYNCHBURG, Macy's at the River Ridge Mall
None scheduled at this time

RICHMOND, Richmond Raceway Complex
Aug 27-28 | Nov 12-13

ROANOKE, Berglund Center
None scheduled at this time

SALEM, Salem Civic Center
Oct 8-9 | Dec 17-18

VIRGINIA BEACH, Convention Center
Oct 15-16

WEYERS CAVE, Weyers Cave Community Center
None scheduled at this time

WINCHESTER, Winchester Sportsplex
None scheduled at this time

WOODSTOCK, Woodstock Moose Lodge
None scheduled at this time

WYTHEVILLE (NEW SHOW!), Apex Expo Center
Oct 15-16

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Chantilly, February 4–6 UPDATED

Manny Perez, Jack Braddon, Keith Webster, Dwain Craig, Gary O'Brian, Andrew Larson, Alex Rogge, Carl Simchick, Brian Wrenn, Sara Kirby, Kelly Foster, Glen Foster, Jon Saxon, Bob Ryan, Rick Richardson, Max Padon, Tyler Gregory, David Kirchgessner, Twyman Andes, Mark Shinn, Mickey Feeley, Jack Marino, Rosalie Paulson, Debra Casey, Danny Paulson.

Salem, May 21-22

Faye Curren, Catherine Cosney, Both Days! Danny Holdren, Mike Givens, Tom Graves Jr, Ann Zudekoff, Dave Smith, Rich Pollack, Ian Carton, Bob Lutjen, Ken Modica, Al Steed, Jr.

Hampton, June 25–26

Dave McCain, Angel Arruda, Lester Borden, Daniel Huber, Rick Walker, Lee Affholter, Dennis Endres, Joseph Hemphill, Tajiman Old, Mike Ferris, Ursula Hart*, Kristjan Justesen*, Clem & Roberta Tuttle, Randall Braddock, Jordan Braddock*, Steve Toth, Vic Nicholls, Bryan Dunn (*first time volunteer)

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Traveling With a Firearm (Redux)

by Executive Member Kenneth R. van Wyk

With the recent US Supreme Court ruling (*NYSRPA v. Bruen*), our right to defend ourselves with a firearm has been upheld to not stop at our doors. As law abiding American citizens, we have the right to keep and bear arms outside our homes.

As an IT security professional, I've long sought every lawful opportunity to be armed in my business as well as personal travels, both within Virginia and in other states. Like so many others here in VCDL, I take my right of self defense very seriously, and I believe that our rights—like our bodies—thrive most when exercised. In my line of work, that includes travel by air, albeit a bit less in today's post-pandemic world than before. Even so, I maintain several carry permits in different states, and I actively seek those that will make me safer. (I recently submitted an application for a Maryland permit, for example—something that was all but unobtainable to the likes of me prior to *Bruen*.)

Nonetheless, if you're like many people, perhaps you didn't even know it was legal to bring a firearm when traveling by air or rail. Or perhaps you're overwhelmed by the laws and regulations and simply don't want to risk running afoul of them. If that's the case, I hope you'll find value in this article.



Let me start by saying this article should not be interpreted as legal counsel. While I believe the guidance here is lawful, if you really want legal counsel, you should ask a lawyer. Rest assured I am not a lawyer.

For starters, yes, it is feasible to travel with a firearm. I've done it dozens of times on a few airlines without any major problems. I am a traveling consultant, so I have many occasions every year to do so. If you value your Second Amendment rights, I urge you to follow suit—once you've done a bit of homework up front to ensure you're on the right side of the law.

I've condensed here my main tips for traveling by air or rail with a firearm, and I welcome questions. Feel free to contact me via email at ken.vanwyk@vcdl.org.

Know the Laws

You may well know all the pertinent gun laws here in Virginia, but our 50 States have 50 wildly different sets of laws. It's up to you to know the laws in each state you plan on traveling to or through. The things that make the biggest difference tend to be each state's list of prohibited areas, and whether or not you have a duty to inform a police officer during an encounter with the law.

There are a couple of smart phone apps that do this very well, including *CCW* and *Legal Heat*. These tend to cost a few dollars, but they're not expensive, and they tend to be pretty up to date with regards to states' laws. Personally, I find *CCW* suits my needs very well, and it's available for iPhones and Android devices. Find one that suits your needs and make good use of it. Make sure the app you choose links to the actual state's website and laws so you have up-to-date info.

Using *CCW*, I enter the permits I hold, and it shows me which states I can lawfully carry in. It also gives me a quick reference for each state's firearms laws. I double check this every time I travel to another state. Every single time. You can even enter your permits' expiration dates and have *CCW* warn you a few months before they expire.

Get the Right Permits

Our Virginia permits are recognized by a large number of states. What matters most, though, is whether they are recognized by the states you will be traveling in or through. If you need states that aren't covered by your Virginia permit, consider getting one or more additional permits for those other states. It may well be possible without a whole lot of difficulty. I have a Virginia CHP and a Washington, DC, CCW, as well as non-resident permits in a handful of other states. Between that complement of permits, I can lawfully carry in 40 of our 50 states.

Here too, the *CCW* app gives you a handy reference for each state's permitting process and requirements. Some states require training, some states require range qualification, some states require fingerprints be submitted, and so on.

Know the Airline/Rail Policies and Procedures

There's no way around this one. You simply must know and comply with your carrier's policies and procedures, period. They tend to be 99% similar, but nonetheless you should verify before you ever leave for the airport or rail station.

The Transportation Safety Administration has its own rules, and your airline no doubt requires compliance with those rules at a bare minimum. You can find TSA's rules here: <https://www.tsa.gov/travel/transporting-firearms-and-ammunition>. Check also your airline or rail carrier's web site for their rules.

The airline I fly on the most requires me to:

- Lock my unloaded firearm in a locked case. For handguns, the case should be inside your suitcase, ideally. I lock my firearm case to the inside of my suitcase using a NON-TSA padlock. I use a Pelican case for my Sig Sauer P365 that usually travels with me. It is easily customizable for different firearms and a couple of magazines. I got my case for about \$25 on Amazon. (Pitfall to avoid: My Pelican case has two locking holes. The airline and TSA require both of those to be locked. Be sure to lock every locking hole in your case or you might have problems.)

- Remove any magazines from your unloaded firearm. Some, but not all, airlines require magazines to be unloaded as well.
- Ammunition, up to 10 pounds—that's pounds, not rounds — worth, should be stored separately in a hard-sided box. Many people use the ammunition manufacturer boxes, but I use a simple plastic ammo box I found on Amazon for less than \$5.
- My suitcase is separately locked with a TSA compliant lock.
- When I arrive at my airline check-in counter, I carefully let them know that my bag requires special handling. They ask me for details, and I politely say I'm traveling with a firearm. Your choice of words here is very important to ensure you don't cause any panic. Never, for example, start the conversation by saying "I've got a gun!" or similarly provocative phrase. (I'm obviously joking here about a very non-joking topic.)
- The airline will verify your identity and travel details, then fill out a form of some sort. They will then ask you to sign a card verifying you're complying with their policies and procedures. That card is likely to be bright orange and will be placed on your firearm case inside your suitcase.
- If you're traveling with a long gun, its "suitcase" is its gun case, so there's no case within a case here.
- The airline will then direct you to a special baggage TSA station. TSA has one of these at every major airport for handling special bags like golf clubs, skis, and firearms. In most airports, you'll take your bags to TSA yourself. At Dulles and a handful of others, the airline will insist on taking the bag for you, but you'll need to accompany the bag through this part of the process. This varies quite a bit among airports.
- At the TSA baggage checkpoint, you'll be instructed to wait while they screen your bag. In my experience, this usually just takes two to five minutes. From time to time, they may ask you to open your suitcase.

Plan for Failure

The above description is how things are supposed to work, and they usually do. I've traveled with a firearm dozens of times in the past three years. In nearly every case, things go smoothly.

As you might guess, though, there have been a few exceptions, which I'll describe here. My advice, however, is to plan for the worst case. Assume the process will fail, and be prepared. That is the mindset, after all, of why we carry, right?

The case of the authoritative and still wildly wrong airline clerk. I had a check-in clerk recently who insisted I open my firearm case for her to inspect and place the signed declaration card in. I politely told her there's no need to open the case and that TSA won't even be able to get to the declaration form if it's inside the case. (The case, as I said, is locked with a NON-TSA padlock, per TSA policy.) She insisted, so I opened the case and expressed my concern about having an unsecured firearm in the terminal area. Fortunately, she didn't insist I remove the firearm so she could verify it wasn't loaded, or I would have insisted an armed law enforcement officer be present as a witness. (I later verified with the airline that the clerk was incorrect and I

reported the incident to the airline's station manager, who assured me the situation would be corrected.)

The case of the cancelled flight in enemy territory. I recently had to travel from Minneapolis to Jacksonville, Florida, for two separate client meetings. In both states, my permits were up to date and lawful. When I arrived in Newark, my connecting flight to Jacksonville was cancelled. The good news is that I wasn't carrying on this trip, but I came this close (see my fingers?) to taking my firearm and decided not to. (My reason for not carrying on that trip was because my schedule gave me only 45 minutes to make my flight out of Minneapolis, so I needed to travel with my "carry-on only" gear—hence, no firearm.

Even though this second case study ended up just fine, I spent quite some time re-examining how I travel with firearms. Had I been stranded in New Jersey, there's no way I could have lawfully taken possession of my checked-in bag. To make matters worse, my flight the next morning ended up being out of New York's Kennedy airport. In both NJ and NY, I would have been immediately arrested for trying to exercise my Second Amendment rights, sadly.



The take-away from this narrow escape is that you simply must plan for the worst. If circumstances beyond your control end up putting you in a gun-unfriendly locality, you must not take possession of your firearm or you'll likely face the very unpleasant consequences. My advice—remember, I'm not a lawyer—in such a circumstance is to go directly to the airline's baggage office at that airport and let them know you cannot take possession of your checked bag. Explain to them why, and ensure they retain possession of the bag. They may allow the bag to remain checked in and load it onto your connecting flight later, if there is a connecting flight. You may be able to convince the airline to send your bag back to your home airport and pick it up later. Whatever the case, be sure you don't violate a law in the state you find yourself stranded in.

Plan for failure, and you won't be sorry.

Move About The Country

Follow these basic processes and all should go just fine. Accept the responsibility of learning and following the laws in every state through which you plan to travel. Understand you might well find yourself in a state you never intended to be in. If you do these things, you should be able to help us all keep our Second Amendment in good shape by keeping it well exercised.

I invite your stories, good or bad. If I've missed something, or if you've experienced something wildly different, please let me know. I'd love to hear from fellow gun-carrying travelers.

From the Secretary's Desk

As the temperature heats up so does the fight for freedom. While the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) is smacking down unconstitutional laws, Congress is busy thumbing their nose at the Constitution and our basic human rights. In fact, at this writing, the House of Representatives has passed a gun control bill that flies in the face of the Bruen decision!

There is much to be done, and we can't get discouraged. As the saying goes, when times get tough, the tough get going. But we must also be mindful that when the tide is turning in a favorable direction, it's time to rally together and leverage the momentum.

VCDL is hopeful that the recent *Bruen* decision will positively impact the current lawsuit against Winchester's gun bans. Moreover, we're looking at filing a similar suit against the city of Richmond. We need you to get involved. If you can spare just \$22.00 a month, or even \$2.00 a month, jump onto [VCDL.org/2A](https://vcdl.org/2A) and sign up for a recurring donation. Those who contribute at least \$22.00 per month will receive one year of membership as a thank you. And the funds will go toward fighting these oppressive local ordinances.

VCDL rarely asks for money. But when we do, you can bet that it's important! Thank you so much for your continued support. And, especially, thank you for your activism!

Patricia Webb
Secretary/Treasurer

"The laws that forbid the carrying of arms...disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes.... Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants; they serve rather to encourage than to prevent homicides, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed man."

—Thomas Jefferson

Thank You (continued from page 3)

Salem, July 16–17

Ken Modica, Jack Thomas Dick, Brien Dyer, Martin Gallicrare, Catherine Gosney, Sam Hollingsworth, Mike Givens, Neil Motter, Jeff Miller, Dave Smith, John Feldenzer, Al Steed Jr.

Harrisonburg, July 16

Thom Verga, Jim Kiser

Wild Geese Trading Grand Opening, Yorktown, August 6

Daniel Huber, Montford Oakes, Kristjan Justesen, Clem & Roberta Tuttle, Chris Settembrino, Bryan Dunn

Membership Drive Winners

For several years now the VCDL has rewarded those who make a concerted effort to recruit new members. Each year we give away guns and ammo to the top 10 recruiters! Normally the top five receive guns and the five runners-up receive ammo. This year was even better, since two members donated guns and we were able to give away SEVEN fabulous firearms!

The prizes were:

A Colt 1911 100th Anniversary Model,
donated by Robert Marcus of Bob's Gun Shop

A SIG Mauser M2 with Presentation Box,
donated by Larry and Cynthia Cowley

A Springfield Hellcat

A Shield Plus

A Taurus GX4

A Kel-Tec P17

A Rossi Gallery Gun Pump Rifle chambered in .22LR

500 Rounds of Freedom Munitions .45 ACP

1,000 Rounds of Buffalo Cartridge 9mm

2,000 Rounds of Norma TAC-22, .22LR

The winners are listed below, with the number of new members they recruited:

Steve W., 40

Kennith M., 38

Frank S., 26

Glen F., 22

Christopher K., 20

Sam H., 15

Walter D., 15

Robert E., 14

Dave S., 14

Danny P., 13

As you can see, the threshold isn't insurmountable. And there's still time this year to earn your free guns! The easiest way is to volunteer for shifts at gun shows or events. This way, people come to you asking about VCDL. You can also go to your local range and talk to your shooting buddies or suggest to your family and friends that they join. **Just make sure to put your last name and your member number on the applications before you give them to people.**

This program helps us spread the word and helps generate the income we use to file lawsuits. Currently, we've got several suits going, including a challenge to Winchester's local gun control, the state Universal Background Check (UBC) law, and we're even active in the Bump Stock lawsuit.

We can't do this without you. So, what are you waiting for? There's a member application on the back of this newsletter. And you can download a PDF online at [VCDL.org/Join](https://vcdl.org/Join), or email Bruce@VCDL.org and request a bundle of the member brochures.

VCDL Membership Application

Recruiter last name/member # _____

____ **New** ____ **Renewal** (Member # _____)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Phone (____) _____

Email _____

____ 1 **VCDL** membership: \$ **25.00**

____ Family members @\$15/each: \$ _____

____ Donation to **VCDL**: \$ _____

____ Donation to **VCDL-PAC**: \$ _____

VCDL-PAC donations also require the following information:

Occupation: _____

Employer: _____

Employer's principle city/state: _____

This information is not made public unless your annual contributions total more than \$100.00.

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

Credit Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ CVV _____

Name as it appears on the card

Signature of Card Holder Billing Zip Code

Mail to:

VCDL Membership Processing Center

P.O. Box 77

Willis, VA 24380

Save time and postage by using a credit card or eCheck at vcdl.org/join

NOTE: For family memberships list primary member on application and family members on separate sheet. We need the full info for all family members. Full details on VCDL.org.

VCDL and VCDL-PAC contributions, gifts, or membership dues are not deductible for Federal income tax purposes.

Last year VCDL-PAC left it all on the field. We raised record money, funded 52 Pro-2A candidates and paid for social media ads and TV ads that ran in major Virginia markets. Our efforts paid off, and the Virginia House of Delegates changed hands to a far more gun-friendly group of men and women. Now it is time to refill the coffers for the 2023 election, when the entire General Assembly is up for grabs. But we can have fun while we do this!

I'm excited to announce **VCDL-PACs Second Annual Top Gun Fundraiser!** It's a fun coincidence that *Top Gun: Maverick* came out this year. However, we named our event Top Gun last year because it is a competition and there is prize money for the "top gun." The winner walks away with \$1,000 in cold, hard cash!

The date for the Top Gun Competition is **Saturday, September 10**, in Powhatan. The event will start at noon and run until approximately 3:30 P.M., and there is a BBQ lunch included in all tickets. Tickets for the competition are \$125, while general admission (fellowship and BBQ lunch) tickets are just \$40 for non-VCDL members and \$35 for VCDL members. You can find more information and sign up at VCDL.org/Top-Gun. To help sponsor this event, visit VCDL.org/Sponsor-Level.

Keep in mind that just because the anti-gunners lost the House of Delegates last year, and McAuliffe and Herring were defeated, it doesn't mean we take our foot off the gas pedal. Bills by pro-2A legislators in the House were STOPPED in the Senate. Next year we can take back the Virginia Senate and send some bills to Governor Youngkin and Lieutenant Governor Winsome Sears, who presides over the Virginia State Senate. We can roll back the mess that happened in the 2019, 2020 and 2021 legislative sessions.

Now is not the time for complacency! Please join us in Powhatan. Some fellowship and friendly competition with like minded patriots from all over Virginia will do us all good. And if you can't make it, please consider the PAC and its good work with a donation: VCDL.org/PAC-Donate.

Yours in Liberty,
Cathy McNickle
VCDL-PAC Chair





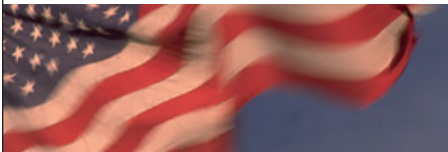
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CHP RENEWALS

Virginia law provides that you can get the full five years of your Concealed Handgun Permit if you apply for renewal at least 90, but no more than 180, days prior to expiration of your current permit (Section 18.2-308.010). Members can add their permit expiration date to their member profile for email reminders during the 90–180 day window.

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