

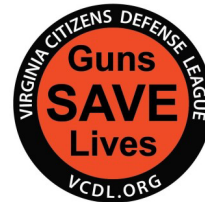


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Why I Love America

by Sharon Wallingsford

While living in Northern Virginia, I worked with three friends who were political refugees from Afghanistan, Burma, and Latvia. They shared with me their family stories of escape from tyrannical governments. I will share their experiences in the following paragraphs, but without names for privacy. My friend from Afghanistan lived through a dangerous escape after the invasion of the Soviet Union. Her father paid a farmer to smuggle the family out of the country. Six family members laid down in a farmer's hay wagon, covered with straw. The farmer would deliver his hay over the border into Pakistan, passing by Soviet troops. They lived in Pakistan for several years before making their way to America.

Burma (called Myanmar by the current government) was considered a prosperous country, but in 1962 it became a one-party Socialist state, and immediately life changed for the family of my Burmese friend, then only nine. Her father spent years creating and successfully running his engineering business, but the socialists forced him out of his company and replaced his employees with members of their party. They confiscated his home, farm, and family belongings. Fearing for his family, he hired a private plane to get out of the country. Socialist officials followed the family to the airport and took their money, wedding rings, and my friend's doll, ripping off its arms in a display of cruelty. The family escaped with their lives and the clothes on their backs, eventually making their way to America.

My Latvian friend's family owned a successful farm. In 1940, the Soviet Union invaded Latvia, starting what my friend calls their "year of terror." The Soviets forced mass deportations of thousands of Latvian citizens to prison camps in Siberia. They collectivized agriculture, and Soviet soldiers took over their home, forcing the

couple to occupy one room while they controlled the rest of their house and farm. One day, their neighbors overheard the soldiers bragging about murdering this couple and warned them. While the soldiers were sleeping, they escaped into the Latvian forest. It was winter, and the wife was pregnant. Their neighbors risked their lives to bring them food. They eventually escaped and made their way to America.

All three political refugees became American citizens. According to the Heritage Foundation, America has "two of the greatest statements of human liberty ever written: The Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution." The first document declares freedom from a king, and allows us the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. The Constitution's Bill of Rights protects our freedom of speech, religion, and the press, plus the right to peacefully assemble and petition for redress of our grievances. It also explicitly states "the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." The Constitution protects these and several other freedoms.

My father was a WWII Paratrooper in the 101st and 82nd Army Airborne Divisions. Both of those Divisions are recognized as liberating units of concentration camps by the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and the US Army's Center of Military History. My father was a quiet man and rarely showed emotions. As a teenager, I asked him about the Holocaust. He stated, "General Eisenhower instructed the Army to take photos of concentration camps so it will not be denied." His voice trembled and tears formed in his eyes as he continued: "I didn't know humans could be so cruel, until I saw their concentration camp, with walking human skeletons, and discovered women and children were gassed to death."

During our conversation, my father asked me to someday visit the European graves of his fellow soldiers. Almost 40 years later, my husband and I walked through the Luxembourg graves of the Airborne Paratroopers. We saw thousands of their white crosses, covering the landscape for endless miles. It was a humbling experience—Dad would be happy to know we honored his heroes.

My friends chose the USA for the liberties we enjoy—liberties which contrasted so sharply with their once-prosperous homelands. I love this country because brave Americans gave up their lives for the freedoms others desperately seek from such tyrannical governments. My WWII father would never relinquish his arms for any government.

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.vcdl.org/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 Al Evans
VCDL Academy
Engagement Director**

In recent years, anti-gun youth groups have exploded across the country. Motivated by national tragedies and funded by billionaires, these groups aim to create "Gun-Free" zones, ban "assault weapons," and even make firearm sellers and manufacturers criminally liable for shooting murders. In essence, they are trying to ban guns. While they have not yet reached their ultimate goal, they have been effective at passing incremental laws that challenge our right to defend ourselves.

If we want our rights to be protected, we need to supply an alternative viewpoint to young people. VCDL is doing just that with the VCDL Academy. VCDL Academy is focused on educating the next generation to create a bulwark against the anti-gun movement. We teach classes on the history of firearms, the Constitution, self-defense classes, and more. We even have our "Practical Politics" internship where we partner with pro-2nd Amendment lawyers and legislators to truly understand how the law relates to gun ownership, how legislation is actually made, and how to effectively get that information to the public. We are looking for applicants this summer, but space is limited—so go to vcdl.org/Event/June-Voter-Outreach.

The President's Pen

Background Checks are a Waste of Time (And Another Blow to "Assault Weapon" Bans)

I am currently writing the syllabus for the VCDL Academy's Second Amendment History class. In doing so, I was reminded how pointless the NICS system is in actually stopping violent criminals from getting guns.

According to the U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO) there were 8,606,286 NICS transactions in 2017. So about 8 million guns sold or transferred that year. How many of those transactions were denied for one reason or another? The denied transactions totaled 112,090, which is about 1.3% of the 8 million transactions.



Of those 112,090 denials, how many were actually referred for investigation so charges could be filed? That number was 12,710 referred for investigation, or about 11% of those denied or 0.15 of 1% of all transactions.

And finally, how many of those 12,710 cases referred for investigation were actually prosecuted? Only 12 were prosecuted, or about 1/10 of 1% of those referred, 1/100 of 1% of those denied, and 1.4/10,000 of 1% of all transactions!

Firearm background checks was all designed to eventually take us down the road of registration, then confiscation. It was never about reducing crime and it surely doesn't do so.

A federal judge has put a stay on Illinois's new "Assault Weapon" ban. He also put a stay on the new ban on magazines that hold more than ten rounds. This is another victory after the U.S. Supreme Court's *New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v Bruen* decision last year.

There are battles over gun control raging all over the country, including here in Virginia with VCDL's lawsuits on local gun-control, bump stock edicts from BATFE, and Universal Background Checks. (Lawsuits are expensive. If you can help us with a donation, that would be great!)

Stay tuned, as the times, they are a changin'.

Philip Van 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. Verify all schedules; this list is correct as of May 10, 2023.

CHANTILLY, Dulles Expo Center
June 12–18 | July 21–23

CHESAPEAKE, Chesapeake Conference Center
None scheduled at this time

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 9–10

FREDERICKSBURG, Fredericksburg Expo & Conference Ctr.
None scheduled at this time

HAMPTON, Hampton Roads Convention Center
Jul 15–16 | Sep 9–10

HARRISONBURG, Rockingham County Fairgrounds
None scheduled at this time

HILLSVILLE MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND FLEA MARKET
May 26–29

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

RICHMOND, Richmond Raceway Complex
Aug 26–27

ROANOKE, Berglund Center
None scheduled at this time

SALEM, Salem Civic Center
July 15–16

VIRGINIA BEACH, Convention Center
None scheduled at this time

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, Apex Expo Center
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Richmond, January 7–8

Jamie Brannon, Steven Rochkind, Dave Eckart, Kiefer Clay, Sam Penn, Scott and Brenda Barker, Patrick and Kristine Schrek, Richard Roberts, Dave Morgerson, Seldon Denton, Mike Johnson, David Crosby, Michael Young, Brian Melde, Lee Hurlock, Dave Morgerson

Chantilly, February 3–5

Douglas Bagdasarian, Robert Eufemia, Brian Wrenn, Matt Schor, Kurt Darr, Carl Simchick, Manny Perez, Troy Hayes, Michael Gross, Rick Richardson, Charles Buettner, Bob Ryan, Chris Karanski, Dwin Craig, Gus Spier, Ian McNeal, Max Padon, Gary O'Brian, Robert Wilson, Alexander Rogge, Debra Casey, Danny Paulson

Harrisonburg, February 18–19

Charles Winkler, Thom Verga, Tyler Heimburger, Jeff Miller, Jack Foster, Bob Schmidt, Jim Kiser

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Modern Technology is Making Gun Control Irrelevant

by Harry Spex

People make guns at home. The ATF calls these Privately Made Firearms (PMFs), but some call them 80% receivers, homemade guns, or “ghost guns.” This article intends to introduce 3D printed guns to people who are traditional gun experts, outlines 3D gun politics—where the ATF stands and why gun controllers hate them, and shows why many gun control laws have become irrelevant. Guns are simple machines and were always easy to make. Modern home manufacturing tools make that craft even easier.



Home CNC machines can automatically cut and shape metal gun parts, but they are expensive and still uncommon. The term “3D printing,” or additive

manufacturing, means using a computerized machine to build up many thin layers of plastic or metal. They are useful for designing and testing new products, and they are extremely popular for engineering, arts, and crafts. A \$200 3D printer can clone AR-15, Glock, Ruger 10/22, and many other receivers and gun parts using plastic.

3D printed guns can look so good that you might be fooled into thinking they were factory made. They shoot full-power ammunition and can be very accurate. But as of 2023, they are not as good as factory-made guns. Plastics used by 3D printers tend to bend, break, and melt. Still, people with moderate skills create 0% receivers that DO WORK. Can any government or group control guns when anyone can manufacture guns? Please review the failed effort to prohibit alcohol fermentation and drinking one hundred years ago.

3D Printed Gun History

In 2013, Cody Wilson of Defense Distributed released plans for the 3D printed Liberator pistol. It was small, weak, and said to survive only 8-10 shots. The name followed the World War II stamped metal Liberator pistol made for resistance fighters. The new Liberator was mostly plastic and ran afoul of the Undetectable Firearms Act of 1988. It faced intense heat from anti-gun politicians and gun control groups.

Following the Liberator pistol uproar, Defense Distributed had a series of legal battles and wins. In 2018, the US Department of Justice settled with Defense Distributed, resulting in the legal availability of printable gun designs on the federal level. *Wired* wrote that the 2018 settlement “opens Pandora’s box for DIY guns.” 3D guns have now been produced all around the world.

3D Printed Guns in 2023

Early 3D gun designs were often crude and weak. Today’s 3D guns re-create commercial guns and have complex designs. They are still not as tough or as precise as factory guns, but some have successfully fired thousands of full-power rounds and continue to function. Examples include:

- Proven receivers for AR-15s (e.g., Hoffman Tactical; UBAR2), Glocks (e.g., “Free Men Don’t Ask” or FMDA), clones of the Ruger 10/22, and more.
- Original designs that pair AR-15 style lowers with pistol uppers, such as the MacDaddy 2.0, Middleton Made Mac n Cheese, and the 3011 pistol.
- Guns made with hardware store parts, and that sidestep laws that control gun parts (e.g., FGC-9; WFGCI MOD9V2, Songbird). The Plasma Pump V2 even uses 3D printed ammunition cases and electric priming.
- Plans are available for federally regulated NFA items such as suppressors, fully-automatic sears, plus plastic guns that do not meet minimum metal requirements.
- Plans for 3D printed magazines from 15 rounds to large drums for guns like the Glock and AR-15. These are completed with metal springs.

Building 3D Printed Guns

People have been making their own guns for a long time. Modern homemade metal tube repeaters like the Luty submachine gun and Royal Nonesuch’s recent designs require minimal machining and knowledge to assemble. CNC machines that automatically cut receivers from metal are available to the hobbyist and garage gunsmith as well. Home 3D printers bring a different and affordable method to more people. 3D printing is flexible and inexpensive, with printers starting as low as \$200. Other features of 3D printing that make them attractive to gun enthusiasts:

- An AR-15 lower receiver costs \$5 to \$8 in plastic plus metal pins, clamps, and stress supports. People can attach a lower to a factory upper or create the entire gun themselves.
- Grips, stocks, and other firearm accessories can be printed at low cost.
- Printing software is similar to photo or video editing software. Many developers sell or give away designs for guns and other items. Developing new items requires CAD skills.
- Successfully printing a part requires a careful setup and choices. A first or fifth attempt may not print correctly, but there are many tutorials online.

However, 3D printing a receiver or gun parts is more involved than printing a Word document.

- 3D printing requires computer and handcraft skills.
- Assembling a printed gun is similar to building from a commercial stripped receiver. One extra step is to clean the parts with snippers, sandpaper, and drills. Another extra step is to add metal bracing (bolts, clamps, plates) for more strength.
- 3D printed guns require special care.
- Printed parts can have defects or break, so they must be tested, treated gently, and inspected.
- Metal parts often drift in printer plastic, causing many 3D guns to eventually stop working.

3D Guns and Politics

Despite the 2018 government settlement, Defense Distributed still faces intense pressure from anti-gun politicians and organizations, and it constantly fights lawsuits (see its [DDLegio.com](https://www.ddlegio.com) unit). For example, the Giffords gun control organization's 2023 priority list for California states it wants to:

“Strengthen restrictions on the sale and marketing of ghost gun manufacturing machines. Make people who knowingly send the digital code to print or manufacture firearms to unlicensed manufacturers civilly liable for any harms those firearms cause.”

In reality, **every** 3D printer is a “ghost gun manufacturing machine.” The same tools and plastics that fabricate gun parts also make toys, flower pots, and Christmas decorations.

Guns, whether built by a major defense contractor or a home hobbyist, do not jump out of these 3D printers fully formed. The human builder makes all the key decisions. Digital design files are like house blueprints, and you can't sleep in a blueprint. Builders make thousands of choices with a printer model, varieties of plastic, and in the setup, cleaning, testing, and assembling. Review Defense Distributed's legal cases—they break down the myth that it's the machine that's dangerous.

Guns designs are also hard to pin down: Many printed gun parts work in unregulated airguns, tools, or non-firing replica guns. It's the metal parts that make a gun functional, and these can be made from ordinary springs, bolts, rods, and pipes.

Groups like the Giffords Law Center have also called for censorship of gun-related blueprints. The only problem is the Internet is forever. DIY gun-making information may be blocked by some countries and websites but it remains available and

widely circulated, especially among people who oppose gun control. This underscores the fact that those who would curtail our Second Amendment rights also want to restrict First Amendment free speech rights.

Gun Control Laws have Stopped Working

We no longer live with the technology of the National Firearms Act of 1934 (NFA) and Gun Control Act of 1968 (GCA). We have computers, 3D printers, CNC machines, and the Internet. We must adapt to reality even if some deny it. Those who want guns have proven that they surely can get them whenever they want. Here are some additional facts to consider:

- No one will ever know how many guns are built or owned. A single 3D printer can produce one or two receivers every day, even if they are never used or sold or shown to others. Moving forward, relying on gun serial numbers will become ever more impossible.
- Efforts to ban factory 80% polymer receivers miss the big picture because printed 0% receivers are not hard to make and have similar quality.
- Gun creators work around local laws. US laws focus on serial-numbered receivers, thus making other gun parts readily available. Some countries have laws restricting all gun parts, so gun builders avoid regular gun parts—see the FGC-9.
- Magazine bans are less enforceable than gun bans. A magazine is a simple box with a spring inside. A 3D printer can produce everything but the spring—and springs can be purchased, hand-wound, or adapted from other springs.
- The NFA (1934) regulates suppressors, short-barreled rifles, machine guns, etc., but these can be printed. [The NFA is still the law, and creators or possessors of 3D printed NFA items have faced legal consequences for making NFA items without paying the appropriate tax stamp.]



Government efforts—here and abroad—to track and control access to guns have struggled and failed. German police sought to close Pandora's box with an October, 2021, raid of the home of the accused creator of the FGC-9, JStark1809, but found nothing. The 28-year-old JStark1809 died two days later. Also in 2021, rebels in Myanmar mass-produced the FGC-9 following a military coup. The FGC-9 has been made in several other countries around the world, and plans for the FGC-9 remain online in 2023. Pandora's box was not and cannot be closed and re-stuffed. The Internet is forever.

Look for gun control efforts to shift toward ammunition control, as gunpowder, cases, and primers may be harder to obtain than an effective gun. What will happen in the US? Everyone needs to think about what this means now and in the future.

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Doswell, February 18–19

Steve Rochkind, David Cooper, Susan Brush, Jeni Shoemaker, Gary Shoemaker, John Schuler, Selden Denton, Matthew Brewer, Michael Young

Safeside Days, Roanoke, February 25 Safeside Days, Lynchburg, February 26

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Salem, March 11–12

Nat Weigle, Michael Givens, Catherine Gosney, Sam Hollingsworth, Jeff Miller, Ken Modica, Rick Pollack, Richard Pollack, Bob Schaller, Neil Motter, Steve Rosenthal, Don Beheler, Rich Davis, Elly Hoinowski, John Hoinowski, Walter Drew

Fredericksburg, March 11–12

Jamie Brannan, Steve Rochkind, Samuel Redwine, Dave Morgerson, David Lee, Jeni & Gary Shoemaker, Andrew Jones*, Jim Thompson, Steve Giese, Matthew Brewer, Morris Mukarrum

Hampton, April 1–2

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Nat Weigle, Al Steed Jr., Ken Modica, Richard Pollack

Chantilly, April 22–23

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*Indicates a first time volunteer

From the Secretary's Desk

I'm excited for the future of firearm owners, for many reasons. We are living in historic times, and I'm so proud to be a part of the change in dynamics. The *NYSRPA v. Bruen* Supreme Court decision is the gift that keeps giving, and many court cases are now being reconsidered, in our favor! Now is the time to push as hard as we can and increase the momentum, especially as those who would deny our rights are working very, very hard to push the pendulum back the other way...quickly! We can't let that happen. We **MUST** join together and muster as much strength as we can to continue this forward progress.

VCDL has been working on many levels to accomplish this. We have lawsuits pending against private sale background checks, one-handgun-a-month restrictions, and local gun control. We're fortunate that Gun Owners Of America (GOA) has stepped up and is helping to defray the cost of these suits. Legal fees are expensive, and these cases have been ongoing since 2020! Some are close to a decision, while others languish in the dismally slow halls of justice. Visit [VCDL.org/Donate](https://vcdl.org/Donate) and chip in what you can. Every cent helps!

VCDL is also reaching younger gun owners. Many of our opinions are formed from our late teens through our thirties. Parents' influence wanes, and peers and educators inform our thinking more. We want to be a part of that process—when life-long opinions are being formed. VCDL believes that if we teach the true history of the 2nd Amendment, show how it is applicable today, and offer a path to engaging in preserving and restoring our rights, we can protect those rights for future generations.

You can be a part of this important program in many ways.

VCDL Academy is looking for sponsors. These sponsorships will fund scholarships for Academy members who can't afford the membership dues. Contributions will also fund the internship programs that give participants hands-on experience in the world of 2A activism. Visit [VCDL.org/Academy](https://vcdl.org/Academy) for more information.

Finally, I'm excited that our entire General Assembly is up for reelection this year. It's time to right the wrongs from the 2019 elections. We can do this, but it will take your help. The VCDL Political Action Committee (PAC) is working hard to support candidates who support your rights. The PAC operates entirely from contributions, and due to election law, VCDL can't give them one red cent. **It's all up to you.** Visit [VCDL.org/PAC-Donate](https://vcdl.org/PAC-Donate) to contribute! And watch your emails for PAC-Alerts letting you know which candidates need your support. Get engaged in the campaigns and talk to your friends and neighbors about why gun rights matter. Let them know that the right to keep and bear arms is the one right that protects all the others. It checks tyranny. It presents a bulwark against violence. We must work together to preserve it above all else. That is why VCDL is a single-issue organization, and I'm proud to be a part of it along with all of you. Together we can keep the momentum of our historic time going. Let's be the change we want to see. We can do this!

Patricia Webb
Secretary/Treasurer

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The VCDL-PAC Top Gun Fundraiser is on! Please join us for the **Third Annual VCDL-PAC Top Gun Fundraiser on Saturday, August 19**. We moved the event to August for a few reasons. This year the entire General Assembly is up for grabs, so we want to allow extra time for the PAC to work to support candidates who support your rights. So please come out and join us for some delicious food, friendly competition, and fellowship with like-minded people. All proceeds go to the VCDL-PAC, which relies entirely on your generosity. Please go to: [VCDL.org/event/2023 Top Gun](http://VCDL.org/event/2023%20Top%20Gun) to register!

Spring has sprung here in the Commonwealth, and we are deep in another primary season and a fight for the Legislature. As you know, all our Northam roll-back and pro 2A bills were stopped in the Senate. Progress can't be made until additional pro-2A candidates are elected to the Senate, and we must hold the pro-2A majority in the House. VCDL-PAC has endorsed in several Senate, House, and even local races. More endorsements are coming, they will be updated as they come in here: VCDL.org/2023-PAC-Endorsements. **Early Voting for the state-run primaries on June 20 has started**, so please check your county registrar's website for early voting locations. We have a lot of leverage in the primaries, as turnout is typically low. This is where we pick the candidates worth voting for in November!

As the world seems to be going haywire before our eyes, it is important now more than ever to fight to hold and protect our 2A rights. Legal gun owners are sick and tired of paying the price for criminal acts, and everything comes down to the ballot box. We beat the anti-gunners at the ballot box with our votes, but it can't be done without money, time, and commitment. It won't be long till we see the out-of-state anti-2A money roll in to support candidates that will strip us of our rights.

Help us help the candidates, you can donate any time at VCDL.org/PAC-Donate. Thank you!

Yours in Liberty,
Cathy McNickle
VCDL-PAC Chair





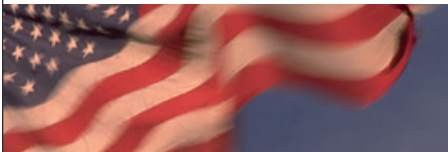
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Virginia law provides that you can get the full five years of your Concealed Handgun Permit if you apply for renewal at least 90, but no more than 180, days prior to expiration of your current permit (Section 18.2-308.010). Members can add their permit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