

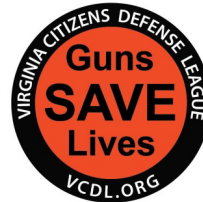


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Answer the Call: Lobby Day 2025

The most important VCDL event of the year needs you.

by Patricia Webb, Secretary/Treasurer

Every January, VCDL rallies in Richmond for Lobby Day. Lobby Day, always on MLK Day, is when lobbyists and special interest groups visit with lawmakers to make their views known. In addition to lobbying our elected representatives, VCDL holds a rally, typically in Capitol Square. We are hard at work organizing this show of force for gun rights. And we need you! The more people rally and lobby, the more effective we are! Our biggest show of force was in 2020, when a whole slate of infringements was on the docket. We stopped the worst of these in their tracks—and that's with anti-gun people in charge! Let's duplicate that effort this year! For full details and up to date information visit [VCDL.org/LobbyDay](https://vcdl.org/LobbyDay).

Since this is the last Defender issue before Lobby Day (January 20, 2025), we are reprinting the most frequently asked questions and answers so you can be prepared. Please come and show your support for the Second Amendment in the Commonwealth!

Q: Will there be a rally this year?

A: Yes, we are planning a rally at the Bell Tower in Capitol Square from 10:00–11:00 a.m. with special guests and speakers.



Q: Will the General Assembly be in session?

A: Yes. The General Assembly will be starting the new session, and they don't take the day off, even though it's a holiday.

Q: Can I carry at the rally?

A: State law still prohibits firearms in Capitol Square and all state government offices.

Anti-rights legislators did this to discourage us from showing up for Lobby Day. This shows just how effective our presence is. We can't let not being able to carry at the General Assembly stop us from being heard. We need your help to repeal these dangerous laws. The first step is showing up for Lobby Day. The next step is watching for the bills to get to committee and sending in the emails and making phone calls! VCDL Member Brandon Howard will be offering secure gun check service again this year so you don't have to travel unarmed. Details at [VCDL.org/Travel](https://vcdl.org/Travel).

Q: What bills are we lobbying for?

A: As of this writing, it is too early for bills to be filed. Our Legislative Tracking Tool will be updated soon for the 2025 session. You can find this and other useful information at [VCDL.org/VA-Politics](https://vcdl.org/VA-Politics).

Q: Will there be buses?

A: Yes! We are working on exact routes and will be sending out a VA-ALERT shortly with the details. You can also find information on our website at [VCDL.org/Travel](https://vcdl.org/Travel). There you will find the link to reserve your bus seat, join a carpool, find a hotel room and more.

Q: Where can I park?

A: Because it is a holiday, you don't have to feed the parking meters if you park on the street. There are several parking lots near Capitol Square, as well as parking garages. Be aware that the law bans firearms in state parking garages. You can find links to parking, restaurants, lodging and more at [VCDL.org/Travel](https://vcdl.org/Travel).

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VCDL Public Meeting Dates

November 21, 8:00 PM, XCAL Shooting Sports and Fitness, 44950 Russell Branch Pkwy, Ashburn, VA 20147

December 19, 8:00 PM, XCAL Shooting Sports and Fitness, 44950 Russell Branch Pkwy, Ashburn, VA 20147

For future in-person meetings, visit vcdl.org/events.

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://vcdl.org/TUBE) 8:00 PM Eastern Time.

Watch the events at vcdl.org/events/event_list.asp. Check the website and VA-ALERT emails for meeting updates.



The President's Pen

Turning to the Courts with a New Foundation

I am currently in the process of lining up delegates and senators to introduce bills for VCDL in the 2025 Virginia General Assembly Session.

In 2024, the Democrats in the General Assembly voted 100% in support of any kind of harebrained gun-control measure put before them, passing 40 gun-control bills. That many gun-control bills heading to a governor's desk is unheard of. Many of those bills were unconstitutional and the Democrats knew that or should have known that.

That flood of bills showed the Democrat agenda is about civilian disarmament at any cost and not about public safety. The bills were aimed at making it harder for lawful gun owners to buy guns, get CHPs, own and carry AR-15s and standard capacity magazines, and have un-serialized homemade firearms. The bills also expanded red flag laws, created waiting periods for firearms purchases, made it easier to have frivolous lawsuits against gun manufacturers, further restricted those under 21 from having certain firearms, provided fines and towing for an unattended vehicle if a handgun is visible inside, took away reciprocity with many states, and much more.

And while piling on restrictions for you and me, those same Democrats voted against locking up repeat, violent offenders for 10 years minimum, repealing the One Handgun a Month law, repealing the ban on guns in rest stops, repealing the ability of local governments to pass their own gun control, and much more!

Governor Youngkin modified 2 of the 40 gun-control bills that were on his desk. Those bills were basically neutered. He vetoed the other 38, saving the day for gun owners! Yes, that was a record number of vetoes, but he was handed a record number of gun-control bills by the Democrats. The Democrats wanted to get the Governor on record with those vetoes, but they also showed their true colors and put themselves on record by introducing and passing all those draconian gun-control bills.

The overall outlook for 2025 is much the same as we had this year, since nothing has changed. We still have a Democrat controlled House and Senate and a Republican Governor and Lieutenant Governor. But 2025 is also going to be a major election year, with the Virginia House, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General seats up for grabs. That could influence some the legislators' votes.

If the Republicans can get control of the House in 2025 again, that will hopefully provide a firewall against the Democrat-controlled Senate passing any gun-control bills in 2026. If elections go badly for us in 2025, then we could be back in 2019 again, with gun-grabbing Democrats in control of everything. We saw what that did to our constitutional rights in 2020 and 2021.

Even though the outlook for passing bills to restore our right to keep and bear arms is not looking good for 2025, VCDL is going to push forward and fight hard for those good bills. And we will fight just as hard to defeat the barrage of gun-control bills again.

Of course, the outlook for the civilian disarmament crowd isn't good for them either, as the Governor has said that if they put a bill on his desk that he has already vetoed, he'll veto it again. But it's better if we can defeat the gun control bills in the General Assembly.

Lobby Day 2025 is on January 20th. Put that date on your calendar and get that day off from work. The stronger the turnout and the more active everyone is in sending emails and making phone calls during the session, the better chance we have of getting some positive results!

Philip A. Cleave

From the Editor

This issue's column is written by Secretary/Treasurer Pat Webb.

Article IV, Section 1 of the US Constitution reads in part: Full Faith and Credit shall be given in each State to the public Acts, Records, and judicial Proceedings of every other State.

This means if you get married in Las Vegas but live in Virginia, your marriage is valid not only in Virginia, but in all 50 states. Likewise, your driver's license is valid across state lines. And you can't just cross a state boundary to avoid a debt or escape other legal proceedings.

What does that have to do with our RKBA? A concealed carry permit is a court filing. Under Article IV of the US Constitution, the permit should be recognized in any state just like a driver's or marriage license is. Yet it is not.

It may take a court case to fix this, and that may be safer than federal legislation, which would open up the right to federal restrictions and controls.

We the People have much more influence on local and state governments, and any time we can avoid placing our rights in the hands of the federal bureaucracy, we are better off.

At the moment, this is just food for thought. I'd love to hear your take on this. Perhaps in the future, we'll see national recognition of our right to carry become a reality.

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 November 10, 2024.

CHANTILLY, Dulles Expo Center
Nov 22–24 | Jan 31–Feb 2, 2025

DOSWELL | Farm Bureau Center at Meadow Event Park
Feb 15–16, 2025

FISHERSVILLE, Augusta Expo
Nov 16–17 | Jan 25–26, 2025

FREDERICKSBURG, Fredericksburg Fairgrounds
Oct 12–13 | Jan 18–19, 2025

HAMPTON, Hampton Roads Convention Center
Nov 30–Dec 1 | Jan 11–12, 2025

HARRISONBURG, Rockingham County Fairgrounds
Oct 26–27 | Nov 2–3

RICHMOND, Richmond Raceway Complex
Nov 9–10

SALEM, Salem Civic Center
Dec 21–22 | Jan 18–19, 2025 | Mar 8–9, 2025

STAFFORD (NEW SHOW), Fraternal Order of Eagles
Dec 7–8 | Mar 8–9, 2025

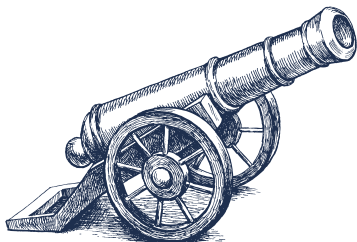
VIRGINIA BEACH, Convention Center
Oct 19–20 | Feb 8–9, 2025

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
None scheduled at this time



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Knoxville, TN, GOALS, Aug 16–18

Wild Bill Pearson, Joshua Godaire, Jill McDaniel, Jim Snyder, Philip
Van Cleave, Pat Webb

Richmond, Aug 24–25

Dave Troxel, Eric Davenport, Susan Brush, Sam Penn, Seldon
Denton, Rowley Molina, Donna and Toby Grebas, Michael Wade,
Dave Morgenson, David Crosby, Richard Roberts, Bob Wlech,
Michael Wagner-Diggs, Markus Kahn, Brian Melde, Rick Walker,
Jack Snead, Rob Hofrichter, John Gosney

Fishersville, Sep 7–8

Twyman Andes, Gaert Sime, Elijah Walters, Brian Myer, Larry
Blankenship, Charlie Winkler, Jim Kiser, Brad Allen, Jeff Miller

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Hampton, Sep 14–15

Daniel Farnsworth, Sarah Crumpler, Billy Taylor, Matthew Taylor, Bryan Dunn, Dennis Endres, Ken Harper, Annamarie Foyles, Tom Brunton, Joe Hemphill, Rieko Matayoshi, Randy Braddock, Steve Toth, Montford Oakes.

Glen Allen, Gilmanor Farm Trade Day, Sep 21

Erik O'Connor, John Gosney

Chantilly, Sep 27–29

Charlie Buettner, Troy Hayes, Steve Hunt, Bruce Jackson, Sean Kennedy, David Lee, Jorge Marmol, Brian Melde, Thomas Merkel, Manny Perez, Terrell Prude, Rushil Rane, Rick Richardson, Mitch Robey, Aleander Rogge, Corey Sinay, Gina Smith, Robert Wilson, Brian Wrenn, Kelly Yarnall, Larry Zabel

Newport News, Fall-o-Ween, Oct 5–6

Gregg Horne, Penny Adams, Annamarie Foyles, Susan Brush, Bryan Dunn

Fredericksburg, Oct 12–13

Rowley Molina, Samuel Redwine, David Lee, Harry Thompson, Theron Keller, Alexander Rogge, Mathew Brewer, Bruce Jackson, Stephen Rockkind

Louisa, Bowling Pin Shoot, Oct 19

Brandy Polanowski

New Castle, Craig County Fall Festival, Oct 19

Elly Hoinowski, John Hoinowski, James Osteen, Richard McNamara, Nat Weigle

Salem, Oct 19–20

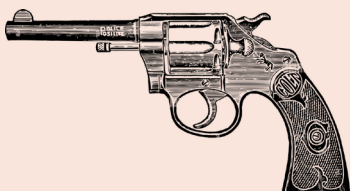
Michael Johnson, Neil Motter, David White Jr., Karen White, Larry Lewis, Sam Hollingsworth, Bob Schaller, George Bobbouine, Maury Sharp, Jeff Miller, Nelson Tharpe, Ashley Tharpe, Mike Poff, Walter Drew, Nat Weigle

Virginia Beach, Oct 19–20

Mark Ashley, Mark Eggerman, Mike Ferris, Mike Durig, Phil Terrazas

Richmond, Nov 9–10

Dave Troxel, Brian Melde, Sam Penn, Dave Eckart, Roger Nixon, Bob Welch, Brian Uzel, Maria Uzel Triana, Donn Grebas, Tony Grebas, Lee Hurlock, Rob Hofrichter, David Crosby, Markus Kahn, Mike Young, Rowley Molina, Dave Morgerson, Doug Shackelford



Preparing for Lobby Day (continued from page 1)

Q: How should I dress?

A: Business casual or nicer. We want to make a good impression to lawmakers and their staff. Be neat and be polite.

Q: Can I bring my kids?

A: Please do! This can be an educational moment for them, especially if they are school age. College-age participants should connect with Jill McDaniel of the VCDL Academy.

Q: I've never lobbied before, how will I know what to say?

A: You will be paired with experienced Lobby Day veterans. You don't have to speak if you don't feel comfortable doing so, but just by being there you are having an impact. If you do choose to speak on a bill that you care passionately about, speak from experience. Make it personal. Showing how something impacts real people carries more weight than anything. Be polite and respectful but let your passion shine through.

Q: Where do I find my team?

A: Teams will be forming near the corner of 9th and Bank Streets. Look for the Team Leads, who will be wearing yellow vests and probably carrying orange clipboards. More detailed information can be found at VCDL.org/LobbyDay.

Q: Will I be on a team that is assigned to my Senator and Delegate?

A: Chances are, no. But don't let that stop you from making an appointment with them! In fact, when I've led teams in the past, after we visited our assigned offices, we went as a team to the representatives for each team member.

And don't forget to sign the guest book! They do look at that. Make sure to mark that you are a constituent and a member of VCDL.

Q: I'm coming from far away. Are there places where I can stay Sunday night?

A: Yes! There are a lot of places to stay, both in Richmond and in the outlying areas. We've linked to a search at VCDL.org/Travel.

Q: Will there be a Lobby Day Dinner this year?

A: Yes! We will be hosting a dinner the night before (January 19) for those who wish to enjoy some fellowship. We will announce the venue in a future VA-Alert. Check VCDL.org/Travel for updates.

Summary

This is YOUR chance for face time with your Senator and Delegate. Even with Governor Youngkin in office, we still have work to do in restoring our rights. **We need you to come out and show up like we did in 2020.** Don't let the ban on carry deter you. It may not be fun to go unarmed, but the anti-gunners want you to give up and stay home! So grab your family, friends and neighbors, stuff them in the car, and get yourself to Richmond.

See you on January 20!

Why Should I Attend Lobby Day?

by Patricia Webb, Secretary/Treasurer

Every year on the third Monday in January VCDL holds their annual Lobby Day. You may remember the famous 2020 event, where over 50,000 activists showed up in Richmond. We made it clear to the Virginia General Assembly that our 2A rights were not negotiable.

We've heard from many that we should have that turnout every year. We agree! **Sadly, there are many who are not motivated unless there is a perceived imminent colossal threat.**

The cold, hard truth is that we need to show up every year. When we don't have the majority to make headway, it's important to attend to let people know we are standing against ANY infringements. When we have a favorable legislature, a good turnout empowers them to push for restoration of the rights that were stolen from us in 2020 and 2021.

Many people ask why we hold this event in January when it's so cold out. The reason is that the legislative session is just starting. The third Monday in January is also a federal holiday (MLK Day). We take advantage of the fact that many people already have the day off. And, yes, the legislature is in session that day.

Here are some important things to remember about Lobby Day and reasons to show up in 2025:

- If we don't make our voices heard, the only message being sent is that guns need to be regulated more heavily.
- Standing up for what's right is NEVER a waste of time. If we don't do it, who will?
- Lobby Day is only ONE STEP in protecting our rights. VCDL members attend committee meetings, send emails to representatives, and engage with local governments.
- Showing up in person has way more influence than sending an email or two.
- The people who want to restrict our rights will never give up. This is an ongoing battle, and we cannot waver.

Almost 250 years ago, a handful of people were willing to risk everything they had to establish a country founded on the principles of freedom and self-governance. In the famous words of Ben Franklin, we've got a Republic, if we can keep it. But a government of the people, by the people, and for the people only works if we the People get off our comfy recliners and participate. I don't know about you, but I don't want to be "that guy" who sits on the sidelines and lets someone else carry my water for me. I'll be there in 2025. Will I see you there?

The Decision

by William Moore

People own firearms for various reasons. The recent surge in new gun owner purchases underscores a fact that has dawned on many Americans—that they are responsible for their own safety and that of their families. Regardless of when you started owning firearms, you need to sit down and seriously consider an important question: Am I really willing to use deadly force against another human being? A noted trainer has remarked that if you haven't made this decision, you shouldn't carry. I'll go a step further: if you haven't, you shouldn't attempt to use a gun for self-defense. There's no such thing as a "little bit" of deadly force. Don't think about "just shooting them in the arm/leg." Unless you hit the central nervous system, an immediate stop isn't likely.

In the comfort of your living room, with time to cook up a suitable villain, it's not all that hard to reach a decision. However, the reality is many of those who present a threat look like normal people. When it's for real and not a mind game, when you're



pointing a real gun at a real person, the situation becomes different—not at all like being on the range, even when shooting photorealistic targets. You won't have time to consider the question when the threat presents itself. You need to sit down beforehand and decide: *if you or those dear to you are in imminent danger of death or serious bodily injury, can*

you use deadly force to prevent it? Put more starkly: would your family be better off if you're dead? If you seriously consider this, it's not an easy question. But it's one you have to have answered before the situation arises, along with what happens afterward. The aftermath will be covered in another article, but I guarantee it won't be like on TV or in the movies.

Your imagination has probably devised a scenario or two for your encounter. Don't get fixated on one or two possible situations (or techniques)—learn to be flexible to deal with the problem at hand. There's old training maxim: "The mind is the weapon. What you use is a tool." As one of Clint Eastwood's characters said: "Improvise, adapt and overcome".

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From the Secretary's Desk

by Patricia Webb, Secretary/Treasurer

As we gear up for another legislative session, we make a wish list for things we want to get accomplished. Some of those items are long-term goals; others are more urgent.

This year, I'm asking everyone for their help to get legislation passed that will make our Virginia schools safer. We know that advertising defense free zones (called "gun free zones" by the misinformed) creates attractive targets for deranged murderers.

Public schools may or may not have a School Resource Officer (SRO). Some schools share SROs, meaning that they go half or two-thirds of the time without one. Our tax dollars cover this expense. Private schools must pay for any security out of their (very tight) budgets. This leaves many of our children dangerously vulnerable.

We CAN do better, and our children deserve better.

I encourage you all to visit FASTERSavesLives.org and look at their program. They are successfully training school staff who volunteer in over 20 states. NONE of the schools who have implemented the FASTER program have experienced an attempted attack.

We spoke with one of the FASTER Directors, Jim Irvine, in our virtual meeting on September 8th. You can watch the full video here: <https://youtu.be/4kD6UcquOYQ>. This 80 minute video is packed with important information.

I have made it my mission to introduce the FASTER program to Virginia schools. It will be a long road, and we will likely have to start with the first aid portion of the program. I'm asking for your help. This will take a LOT of pressure from parents, teachers, and people who care about our most precious resource (our children!).

I'm asking you to commit to helping us make a change for the better. As Jim Irvine said, "Let's copy success instead of copying failure!" Here are some of the steps you can take:

- If you haven't already, please take the survey here: VCDL.org/School-Safety
- Talk to your school administrators and encourage them to watch the video. They are more than welcome to contact me for further information.
- If at all possible, attend Lobby Day and mention the program to the Senators and Delegates you visit.
- Once the session starts, contact your Senator and Delegate, and ask them to put pressure on the committee members to pass the bill out of committee for a full floor vote.
- Once the bill is assigned to committee, contact the committee members and ask them to support it.

Our children are the future of our country. They deserve the best care we can give them. They deserve a safe environment for learning. Are you willing to help VCDL and FASTER make our schools safer? I look forward to working with you to make safer, better schools a reality!

The Decision (continued from page 5)

If you've decided that you can, when justified, use deadly force, that's not the end of your preparation. You need to get educated on both the legal aspects of justification and the practical part—what's actually a threat. Get educated on the legal aspects, which will include what a threat is in practical terms. Resources (books, courses, and online material) are available from Use of Force experts and legal analysts.

Let's look at another practical factor: when. You can hardly watch any movie without a dramatic and often *planned* standoff between the good and bad folks. There are also frequent news stories about "preventable" uses of force.

You **MUST** understand the action/reaction gap since you will not be the instigator of violence. The gap is the difference between life and death or serious bodily injury, especially at close range. The Force Science Institute (Visit forcescience.org—you can sign up for free newsletters) has done much serious research on reaction times and threat perception skills. Some of their points: It takes longer to react to an unexpected action than an expected action. Our reaction to visual cues is slower than our reaction to sound cues. Persons with training/experience recognize behavioral cues earlier than others. At close range, whoever acts first beats the other person. You can't be having moral debates when you need to act.

Many years ago, I saw a video of an actual LEO—armed robber confrontation. The felon was leaning up against a wall with a gun in his right hand, pointed at the ground at body center. Several officers were pointing guns at him (standing WAY too close) and asking/ordering him to drop the gun so they could arrest him. At one point he changed body position and lowered the gun to beside his right leg. The next time he moved he died in a hail of gunfire, as the LEOs had suddenly realized he could shoot them before they could return fire.

You need to have made your decision of whether or not you can use deadly force. Once that's done, you can concentrate on learning how to identify and properly deal with various threats. But if you've been paying attention to your surroundings, avoiding the threat, if possible, is a far better choice.

Suggested reading

Artwhol, Alexis, and Christensen, Loren W, *Deadly Force Encounters, 2nd Edition*, self published, 2020 ISBN 9781650012193

Ayoob, Massad F., *In The Gravest Extreme*, Police Bookshelf, Concord, NH, 1980

DVD: *Judicious Use of Deadly Force*, also available

Ayoob, Massad F., *Deadly Force Encounters, Understanding Your Right To Self Defense*, Gun Digest Books, Iola, WI 2014, ISBN 0-936279-03-6

Branca, Andrew F: lawofselfdefense.com, website and book

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***For family memberships, the primary member is \$25 annually and each additional member \$15 annually.** 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.

I am writing this on the eve of the 2024 presidential election. It is a nail-biter, and many are not happy with the choices. I sincerely hope that this does not keep people from showing up and voting.

While the choices may not be optimal (are they ever?), the next US President will likely appoint at least one, if not two, Supreme Court justices. Both Justice Thomas and Justice Alito are in their mid 70s. There is also a chance that Justices Sotomayor and Kagan could retire in a strategic move if Harris wins the presidency.

Assuming these retirements are timed so that someone of the same political perspective is appointed, the current balance of the SCOTUS would conceivably remain. However, should one of the justices become unexpectedly incapacitated there could be a dramatic shift. In addition, there will likely be federal judicial appointments, which also play a vital role in restoring our 2A rights.

Then there will be the 2025 elections. This is what the VCDL-PAC is gearing up for. We are a state PAC, not federal, so there have been no endorsements this year. However, in 2025 the entire VA House of Delegates is up for election, as are the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General. This will be a major election for Virginia and will have a huge impact on our future.

As of now, the VCDL-PAC is working on raising funds so that we can educate the public on the candidates in the 2025 election. Stay tuned for updates as appropriate. Make plans to participate in the candidate selection processes. That is how we get people worth voting for! Make sure your family, friends, and neighbors are educated and registered to vote. And make sure they understand the importance of putting our 2A rights at the top of the list of priorities. After all, the right to keep and bear arms is the right that protects all others.

Yours in Liberty,
Cathy McNickle
VCDL-PAC Chair





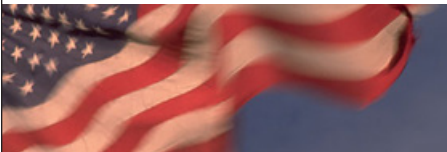
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CHP RENEWALS

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