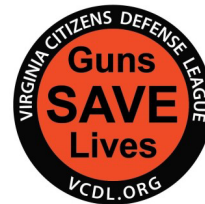




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If You Wait for the Legislative Session, You're Already Behind

by Jill McDaniel, Director of VCDL Academy



Every year, as soon as legislative session begins, people start paying attention. They follow the bills, watch the votes, and speak up when something feels urgent. The problem is that in Virginia, by the time it feels urgent, most of the real influence has already happened.

Virginia is not a slow-moving state when it comes to legislation. Our General Assembly meets for a short, fast-paced session where hundreds, sometimes thousands, of bills are introduced and moved quickly. Most decisions are made early, often in committee, and frequently before the average citizen is even aware a bill exists. Unlike states with longer sessions or staggered timelines, Virginia compresses the process into a narrow window, which means the opportunity to shape outcomes happens earlier than most people expect.

That's what makes the months of May through August so important. While session has ended, the work behind the next one is already quietly underway. Legislators are back in their districts, no longer moving at the pace of Richmond, but engaging in their communities, attending events, and having conversations that don't make headlines. This is when they are more accessible, more receptive, and more influenced by what they are hearing locally. At the same time, early discussions about priorities and potential legislation are beginning to form long before anything is formally introduced. By the time January arrives, much of that groundwork is already set, with most bills already pre-written and pre-filled.

In a state like Virginia, timing is what makes the difference. Because the session is so short and front-loaded, waiting until a bill is filed or a vote is scheduled means you are already behind the curve. Influence happens before the process becomes visible. Once a bill is moving, you're trying to change direction instead of helping set it.

For VCDL members, this is the window where influence is still possible. Getting involved during these months looks different than it does during session, but it matters just as much, if not more. It starts at the local level by paying attention to what is happening in your district and showing up where your legislators are already present. Town halls, community events, and small gatherings provide opportunities to be seen and heard in a way that is far more personal than anything that

VCDL Public Meeting Dates

In-person meetings are held around the state, usually on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

Check [VCDL.org/Events](https://vcdl.org/Events) for a current list.

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/Events) 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.

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The President's Pen

VCDL to Spanberger: "Buckle up, Buttercup. We'll see you in court!"

From the Editor

Recently, the city of Virginia Beach imposed an all-ages curfew on the Oceanfront starting at 9:30 p.m. No one was allowed to be on the street, even if you lived in the affected blocks or paid good money to stay in a seaside hotel. Why did the city impose this curfew? There were two criminal shooting incidents, that's why. Someone breaks the law, and everyone pays the price.

Sounds familiar, doesn't it? Businesses, tourists, and residents discovered what gun owners endure on a regular basis: someone commits a horrific murder with a gun, and calls are made for all gun owners to be penalized. Some miscreant youths get violent on the Boardwalk, and suddenly no one can enjoy an evening stroll on the beach.

(I was there in March and was alarmed to see police Bearcats blaring orders enforcing the curfew. Papers, please!)

After lawsuits and protests, a judge told Virginia Beach to stop enforcing the curfew (which still remains in effect for minors). A woman who was arrested walking home from a bar told the judge, "It's 10 million reasons — or reminders — of why our constitutional rights cannot be infringed upon."

Shall not be infringed. Now there's a novel idea.

Mark Ching
Editor

As this is being written a series of gun bills have been signed into law, effective on July 1. We still await the fate of the "assault firearm" ban and the hospital gun ban. The General Assembly rejected the Governor's suggested changes to those bills and sent the bills back to Spanberger, where she can either veto them or let them become law without her suggestions.

We expect she will let them become law.

VCDL will then take the fight to the courts. Most of the new laws are clearly unconstitutional, such as: banning the purchase, sale, and public carry of the most popular long gun in America; banning the most common magazines; allowing the gun industry to be subjected to frivolous lawsuits; taking away the right of young adults to purchase a handgun or an "assault firearm"; requiring homemade guns to be serialized; and locking up guns just because there is a minor living in the house.

Each lawsuit will ask the court to put a temporary injunction on the new gun law to keep that law from going into effect until the court rules on its constitutionality. Courts often grant such temporary injunctions if they feel that the plaintiff has a good chance of prevailing. But, even if a temporary injunction is not granted, that doesn't mean that we would necessarily lose when the case is heard.

Lawsuits are expensive. For a case being brought in a state court, it is \$40,000 to walk in the door, and the cost can reach into the hundreds of thousands of dollars as the case proceeds. VCDL, in conjunction with Gun Owners of America (GOA), will be filing multiple lawsuits, as there are so many bad laws on the way. VCDL and GOA have four existing lawsuits that are still in the courts and have been since 2020 (One Handgun a Month; gun ban in rest areas and in ABC stores; Roanoke City's gun ban in parks and permitted events; and Winchester's gun ban in city owned parking garages).

It is important that VCDL have as many members as possible and we are asking for contributions to either VCDL or VCDF to help fund these lawsuits. Contributions can be made on the vcdl.org website.

If we don't get an injunction on the "assault firearm" ban, it could take a few years for it to be heard in court. For that reason, we make the following suggestions:

- If you want any magazines with a capacity higher than 15 rounds, BUY THEM NOW, before July 1.
- If you are thinking about buying a handgun later in the year and that handgun can take magazines that have a capacity higher than 15 rounds, buy those magazines now. That way you'll have them when you buy the handgun later, as the handgun will come with magazines that hold 15 rounds or less.
- If you want an "assault firearm," buy it NOW before July 1. (I just bought a SIG Sauer Flux 365 and multiple 25-round magazines to go with it.)
- Buy from local gun shops, if possible, to help keep them afloat, as some of these new laws are going to make it harder for them to stay in business.

The fight is on and the U.S. Department of Justice's Second Amendment Civil Rights division warned Spanberger that they will also be filing lawsuits. Their lawsuits will most likely be coming from a different angle than ours.

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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. It's an excellent way to easily recruit members. Verify all schedules; this list is correct as of May 15, 2026..

AFTON, Zenith Firearms Zenith Day
Jun 13

CHANTILLY, Dulles Expo Center
Jun 12–14, Jul 17–19, Sep 25–27

DOSWELL, Sportsman Show, Meadow Event Park
Feb 14–15

FISHERSVILLE, Augusta Expo
Sep 5–6

FREDERICKSBURG, Fredericksburg Fairgrounds
Oct 3–4

HAMPTON, Hampton Roads Convention Center
May 30–31, Jun 20–21, Aug 1–2, Sep 12–13

RICHMOND, Richmond Raceway Complex
Jul 11–12, Jul 31–Aug 2, Aug 22–23

SALEM, Salem Civic Center
Jun 20–21

STAFFORD, Fraternal Order of Eagles
May 16–17

VIRGINIA BEACH, Virginia Beach Convention Center
Jun 27–28, Aug 29–30

WYTHEVILLE, Apex Expo Center
May 16–17, Aug 8–9

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I believe that ultimately VCDL and GOA will prevail. I am also hoping that our victories will help other states which are under attack. We are seeing basically the same gun laws being proposed across the country. As long as gun owners stand unified and resolute, we will stop Michael Bloomberg and his astroturf minions in their tracks!



COORDINATORS

LEADERS NEEDED

Do you have what it takes? VCDL is looking for gun show coordinators for Doswell, Fishersville, and Southwest Virginia (Roanoke/Salem). If you have the right stuff, contact John Gosney (gunshowcoord@vcdl.org).

Chantilly—Matt Schorr, Sean Kennedy—
gunshows.chantilly@vcdl.org

Doswell—**Need coordinator and co-coordinators**—
gunshows.doswell@vcdl.org

Fishersville/Harrisonburg—Jim Kiser—
gunshows.vawest@vcdl.org

Fredericksburg/Stafford—Stephen Rochkind, **need co-coordinators**—gunshows.fredericksburg@vcdl.org

Hampton—Randy Braddock, Bryan Dunn, Michael Mumford
Lee Affholter—gunshows.hampton@vcdl.org

Louisa—Brandy Polanowski—events.louisa@vcdl.org

Richmond—John Gosney, Dave Eckart, Dave Troxel,
Patrick Schrek—gunshows.richmond@vcdl.org

Roanoke/Salem—**Need coordinator and co-coordinators**
(Thanks, Nat Weigle for serving!) gunshows.swva@vcdl.org

Virginia Beach—Phil Terrazas, Vic Nicholls—
gunshows.vb@vcdl.org

Winchester/Woodstock—Mark Lintz, **need co-coordinators**—gunshows.winchester@vcdl.org

State Gun Show Coordinator

John Gosney, gunshowcoord@vcdl.org

Rowley Molina, Stephen Rochkind, Brandan Mooney, assistants

PROMOTERS

C&E Gun Shows www.cegungshows.com

SGK Gun Shows www.sgkshows.com

Showmasters www.showmastersgunshows.com

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS

Manassas, Feb 6–8

Bill Billerd, Jack Bradon, Tom Conway, Luke Delvecchio, Michael Gross, Josh Goodaire, Chris Kranski, Brionna Harris, David Lee, Brian Melde, John Nagel, William Nugent, Rushil Rane, Alexander Rogge, Willaim Shaw, Corey Sinway, Robert Wilson, Sean Kennedy

Doswell, Feb 14–15

Rob Tignor, Dave Eckart, Rob Charlton, Rowley Molina, Dawn Heyse, Ken Bouchard, Edward Robinson, Steve Giese, Phillip Mobley, Lee Hurlock, Patric O'Conner, Steve Rochkind

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Salem, Mar 7–8

Maury Sharp, Keri Martell, Bob Lutjen, Larry Lewis, Neil Motter, Mike Poff

Virginia Beach, Mar 7–8

Woody Brooks, Vincent Smith, Mike Duriq, Mike Ferris, Steve Toth, Philip Terrazas

Richmond, Mar 21–22

Brittany Alkire, Ken Vann, Rob Tignor, Dave Eckart, Rowley Molina, Daniel Madren, Michael Young, Phillip Mobley, Steve Rochkind, Mike Weaver, Patrick O'Connor, Brian Uzel, Daniel Powell, Jim Beggs, David Crosby, Lee Hurlock, Steve Vanairsdale, Edward Robinson, Jim Thompson, Rick Walker, Dave Morgerson, Tyler Schwend, Greg Taylor, Dave Troxel, Sam Penn, John Gosney

Fredericksburg, Apr 11–12

Mike Katsarelis, Samuel Redwine, Alexander Rogge, Terry McLaughlin, Brian Uzel, John Walt, Edward Robinson, Ellis Galyon, Brittany, Matthew Brewer, Steve Rochkind

Fishersville, Apr 25–26

Larry Blankenship, Bob Schmidt, Thom Verga, Brian Meyer, Bob Bossi, Bradley Allen, Walter Anderson, Jim Kiser

Virginia Beach, Apr 25–26

Mark Ashley, Mike Duriq, Mike Ferris, Philip Terrazas

Richmond, May 2–3

John Gosney, Rowley Molina, Sam Penn, Ken Vann, David Cooper, Rob Tignor, Richard Hackett, Bob Welch, Fred Kirby, Kat Crimmins, Dawn Heyse, Ken Bouchard, Donna Grebas, Tony Grebas, Jimmy Ray, Edward Robinson, Daniel Powell, Mike Young, David Crosby, Terry McLaughlin, Rob Hofrichter, Patrick O'Connor, Greg Taylor, Daniel Madren

*Indicates a first time volunteer.

On this, the 250th anniversary of the birth of our nation, can we reflect on the reason the 2nd Amendment was added to the Bill of Rights? Our new nation had just won a war against what was considered the world super-power. That war was fought because England refused to acknowledge the basic human rights of the colonists. The war was fought almost entirely with privately owned, and often privately made, firearms. Our Founding Fathers recognized the importance of the ability to resist a tyrannical government. This requires the means as well as the fortitude.

The tradition has survived for 250 years, and was born right here in Virginia. Our current legislature seems determined to see it die here as well. VCDL, with your help, is working hard to prevent this! Thank you all for being a part of history, and helping to preserve freedom now and for future generations.

From the Secretary's Desk

Insidious Attacks on Freedom

by Patricia Webb, Secretary/Treasurer

Maybe I've been influenced by Ayn Rand's *Atlas Shrugged*, but the quote comes to mind that if something doesn't make sense, examine your premise. I think of this frequently when I'm sitting in committee meetings listening to Senators and Delegates stating that they are proposing restricting honest peoples' rights to prevent dishonest people from doing harm.

The sweeping assault on our 2A rights this session falls squarely into this category. None of these bills have any chance of accomplishing their stated purpose, and most will actually make the public LESS SAFE.

The so called "Industry Standards of Conduct" bill is a prime example. This new law allows an individual, a locality, or the Attorney General to bring suit against anyone selling anything firearm related if that product is used in such a way to cause a "public nuisance." The term public nuisance is broadly defined. The firearms industry is already heavily regulated on both the federal and state level, and most gun dealers go out of their way to avoid selling to someone with ill intent. Suing a business after someone commits a crime or has an accident with a legally purchased item does nothing to prevent the act or to enhance public safety. Instead, it has a chilling effect on the industry. It may only take one lawsuit under this new statute to convince wholesalers not to sell to Virginia businesses, or retailers not to carry firearms, or even scopes, slings, and ammo. Even if the cases are thrown out, such actions can litigate many businesses into bankruptcy. It's obvious that the true intent of this new law is to discourage legal trade in legal and constitutionally protected items.

Other legislation greatly expanded the places where carry is banned. These places are not being protected by armed security, and most will not have metal detectors at all entrances. So how is prohibiting self-defense making anyone but the criminal safer? It's not! Statistics show that over 90% of mass murders (not gang violence or domestic violence) occur in defense-free zones. They appear to be targets for deranged killers bent on causing the most carnage before someone—usually someone with a gun—shows up to stop the attack. In addition, theft of firearms from vehicles is on the rise, putting more guns in the hands of criminals. Is there a correlation between people being forced to leave their EDC (every-day-carry) in their vehicle while they do business in the DMV, visit a library or park, or frequent one of the ever-expanding places where carry is prohibited? And it's getting increasingly difficult to navigate exactly where carry is and is not allowed. Could this be intended to convince people that it's not worth the hassle? That is more likely what the legislature hoped when passing these laws.

Perhaps the most egregious of all the legislation is the so-called Assault Firearm ban. This new law, should it stand, would ban the most popular and useful firearms in the USA. It also restricts magazine capacity and prohibits young adults from purchasing most firearms. In addition, the State has asked the courts to

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What is an Assault Weapon?

by William Moore

What is an “assault weapon”? That depends upon who you ask. Many of my generation picture a (real) AK-47/AKM machine gun. Some (less informed) people would say any firearm is an “assault weapon.” A direct translation of the German *sturmgewehr*, “assault weapon” is a label devised to scare the dickens out of folks who have no real knowledge of firearms, as well as influence folks whose concept of self-defense and guns is whatever Hollywood puts out.



The labels “Assault Weapons,” “Weapons of War,” and “Military Grade Weapons” get used a lot. The guns in question look scary and you can’t readily see a difference between the select-fire infantry weapon and the semi-automatic version available to private citizens. It’s a lot like calling a regular car a race car. All the differences are inside but very important.

So what do the various bans consider an “assault weapon”? Some states name specific firearms; most bans prohibit any semi-automatic firearm with a detachable magazine. Depending upon the state, some shotguns (including pump guns) with tubular magazines have been included. They may add other qualifying “military features” like a pistol grip, an adjustable stock, or other features that make them easier to use and look less traditional. Magazine capacity limits are part of this type of legislation, too.



(Note that, with the exception of magazine capacity, these “military features” aren’t banned on firearms that aren’t semi-automatic.) That these evil firearms kill fewer people each year than either bare hands and feet or blunt objects suggests there’s another motive here. Semi-automatic guns were developed in the late 1800s, but only now they’re a problem?

Although the handgun currently is recognized in law as being a defensive firearm, (even though they still might use magazines

that “hold too many bullets”) most modern firearm types were developed for use in war and the label “Weapon of War” could apply to all of them. Somewhere down the road your deer or target rifle may become a “military grade sniper rifle” that needs banning.

I’m painfully familiar with the mindset here. Most of my working life was spent armed, and there was no shortage of folks who think they knew better than me how I should do my job and what tools I needed to do it. Whatever their motives, these people and their fellow travelers—many with little or no experience in the dynamics of violence—are hard at work telling private citizens what they need to be able to defend themselves. (They’re also often upset about firearms used by law enforcement, too.)

The vast majority of defensive gun uses don’t involve actually firing the gun. Generally, having a gun and looking like you know how to use it and are willing to use it are enough. But what if they aren’t? I’d suggest that you read *Gunfight Myths*, available at tacticalanatomy.com.

Over decades I received a lot of training on how (and legally when) to apply lethal force. That included seminars by eminent



coroners/medical examiners. Short version: the Hollywood reaction to a gunshot wound doesn’t happen in the real world. A determined aggressor can keep trying to kill you despite being so critically injured that if they were in the lobby of a major trauma center, they couldn’t be saved.

The bans draw distinctions between law enforcement officers and the private citizen. While it is true that the groups have distinct obligations and responsibilities, I submit that when mortal combat is joined, there is no difference. Both groups have a need and a right to the weapons that will permit accurate, rapid placement of sufficient shots to incapacitate-or otherwise render the felonious attacker(s) unable to present an imminent threat of death or serious bodily injury to the innocent- and sufficient ammunition to do so. Running out of ammunition before you solve your problem is NOT a good thing.

The felonious aggressor(s) choose the circumstances and conditions of the assault. The aggressor(s), and the aggressor(s) alone, decide when they are incapacitated or otherwise defeated and combat ends. The weapons and actions of the unjust aggressor(s) are not, by definition and practice, restrained by law.

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happens during session. This is not about making a scene or winning an argument, but about being informed, consistent, and remembered.

Communication during this time also shifts. Instead of reacting to specific legislation, it becomes about reinforcing principles and sharing real perspectives from your community. Legislators hear plenty from Richmond during session, but they rely on their districts to understand how issues are actually impacting people back home. Clear, respectful, and consistent communication helps shape how those perspectives are carried forward.

This is also the time to actively build and strengthen the network itself. Members can take initiative by organizing local VCDL meetings, hosting small fundraisers, or volunteering at gun shows where conversations are already happening. These settings create opportunities to connect with people who may already be receptive but have not yet taken the step to get involved. It is also a practical time to encourage voter registration and make sure those who support Second Amendment rights are prepared well ahead of Election Day. None of this requires a large production. It requires consistency and a willingness to engage where people already are.

At the same time, there is value in using this window to better understand how the system actually works. Knowing when decisions are made, where influence exists, and how the process moves allows members to be more effective with their time and energy. The more informed you are, the more intentional your engagement becomes.

Waiting until session to get involved means stepping in after much of the direction has already been set. Engaging during the months leading up to it allows you to be part of shaping that direction while it is still forming.

VCDL Lobby Day is Monday, January 18, 2027. Taking that day off and planning to be in Richmond matters, but it carries far more weight when it is backed by consistent engagement in the months leading up to it.

In Virginia, timing is not just important. It is what makes the difference. If you would like more information on how to get started, contact me at academy.director@vcdl.org.

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Why then, is the law abiding private citizen to be penalized when lives are at stake?

The AR-15 is the civilian version of the M-16 and gets the majority of the bad press. I'd spend most of my career with some variant of the design as my primary defensive firearm and be certified to teach the use of it. It proved to be a good defensive tool with a lot of advantages over other choices. However, some situations can make other tools a better choice. Just like you have different kinds of wrenches in your tool box for different jobs, it can be good to have different options in your defensive tool box. You might not feel a need for an impact wrench, that's no reason to ban them. Today, the AR-15 has largely replaced the shotgun as the long gun of law enforcement for several reasons:

- Less recoil than a shotgun. This improves accuracy, allows more accurate rapid fire and can make it a better choice for less able persons or those of slight build.
- The rifle has more points of body support than a handgun, greatly improves accuracy, reduces the chances of injury to the innocent and can engage threats further away than handgun or shotgun.
- The rifle fires one directed bullet, not a cloud of pellets directed by random chance, reducing the danger of injury to the innocent. In a ranch style house, a pistol caliber carbine could be a good thing.
- The adjustable stock of some AR-15s allows use by folks of different build, from NFL lineman to petite persons. Also adjusts for heavier clothing, improves accuracy.
- The detachable magazine makes unloading safer than firearms that need to run live ammunition through the action to unload. It also makes reloading faster if needed.

Informed choice is a good thing. Do I believe everyone should own an AR-15? Not necessarily, but that should be your choice depending upon your situation. While you might not care for certain things, don't let folks who don't respect your interests and rights take your choices away from you. Your life might someday depend upon it. Novelist John Sanford had one of his characters sum this up pretty well: "I've never been over-gunned. I have been under-gunned. After that happened, I reconceptualized."

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reverse the 2025 injunction on the private sale background check, which would reinstate the de facto Virginia gun registry, since dealers are required to keep records of all their acquisitions and dispositions of firearms, including those private sales they facilitate background checks for. These records are eventually turned over to the ATF under current regulations, which creates a federal registry of firearm ownership.

Don't let the "grandfather" clause lull you into acceptance. We have an obligation to protect the rights of those who come after us. It is immoral to trade their freedom for ours.

VCDL and GOA are in the process of challenging these laws and others. We will keep you informed as things move through the legal system. We will try to win emergency injunctions to block the implementation before July 1, but we cannot count on that. In the meantime we are asking for your help, both financially and in spreading the word. Please educate your neighbors and coworkers. Don't let the media spin be the only voice out there. Our rights depend on us speaking out and working together. In the 250th year since the forming of this great nation, let's not let freedom die here in Virginia, where it began.

VCDL Membership Application

Recruiter last name/member # _____

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

Name _____

Address _____

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

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____ 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

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Willis, VA 24380

Save time and postage! Use a credit card or eCheck at vcdl.org/join.

***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.

Tired of not having good candidates to vote for?

There's a simple solution. Run for office or get someone you trust to run. Now is the time to start planning for the 2027 elections. The entire General Assembly is up for election in 2027, and there are many local offices as well. We have the most control at the local level. Local and state offices are where the majority of gun control happens, so we need to be proactive here! City Councils, County Boards of Supervisors, School Boards and more are excellent places to start.

The basic requirements are simple. You must be qualified to vote and have been a resident of Virginia for at least a year immediately preceding the election. If you are running as a Democrat or Republican, get involved with your local party. They will help you start the process. Please note elections at the local level may be by district or at-large. At-large means that there are a given number of seats open and the candidates that receive the highest volume of votes fill those seats. So if there are three seats open and five candidates running, the first, second and third place winners would be elected to fill those vacancies.

The State Board of Elections has a page with information for those who wish to run for office. You can find it at elections.virginia.gov/candidatepac-info/becoming-a-candidate. On this page you will find the links for the Certificate of Candidate Qualification form, Campaign Finance documents, and Laws and policies for Campaign Committees. Registration can be filed any time after January 1 of the election year you are running for, but the sooner one registers, the more time they have to campaign.

The bottom line is that we need better people in office. People like YOU who care about our rights and will stand up to defend them. **EVERYONE WHO IS IN OFFICE NOW WAS JUST AN ORDINARY CITIZEN BEFORE THEY RAN THE FIRST TIME!** They are not any more special than the rest of us!!!

There are many ways to serve this country. One of the most effective is to step up and participate in the political machine. What better way than to serve in office and actively block unconstitutional legislation? Are YOU up to the challenge?

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Yours in Liberty,
Patricia Webb
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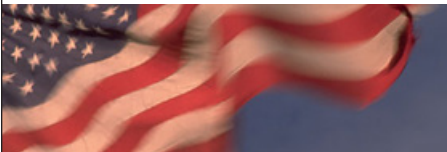
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CHP RENEWALS

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

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January	August–October
February	September–November
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