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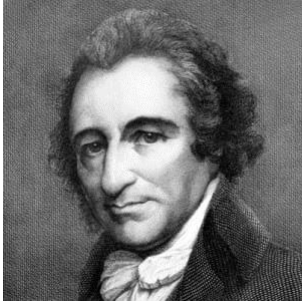
Second Amendment Coalition of Florida, Inc.

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Amendment II

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.



Thomas Paine

On January 29, 1737, Thomas Paine was born in Thetford, England. His father, a corseter, had grand visions for his son, but by the age of 12, Thomas had failed out of school. The young Paine began apprenticing for his father, but again, he failed. So, now age 19, Paine

went to sea. This adventure didn't last too long, and by 1768 he found himself as an excise (tax) officer in England. Thomas didn't exactly excel at the role, getting discharged from his post twice in four years, but as an inkling of what was to come, he published *The Case of the Officers of Excise* (1772), arguing for a pay raise for officers. In 1774, by happenstance, he met Benjamin Franklin in London, who helped him emigrate to Philadelphia.

His career turned to journalism while in Philadelphia, and suddenly, Thomas Paine became very important. In 1776, he published *Common Sense*, a strong defense of American Independence from England. He traveled with the Continental Army and wasn't a success as a soldier, but he produced *The American Crisis* (1776-83), which helped inspire the Army. This pamphlet was so popular that as a percentage of the population, it was read by or read to more people than today watch the Super Bowl.

But, instead of continuing to help the Revolutionary cause, he returned to Europe and pursued other ventures, including working on a smokeless candle and an iron bridge. In 1791-92, he wrote *The Rights of Man* in response to criticism of the French Revolution. This work caused Paine to be labeled an outlaw in England for his anti-monarchist views. He would have been arrested, but he fled for France to join the National Convention.

By 1793, he was imprisoned in France for not endorsing the execution of Louis XVI. During his imprisonment, he wrote and distributed the first part of what was to become his most famous work at the time, the anti-church text, *The Age of Reason* (1794-96). He was freed in 1794 (narrowly escaping execution) thanks to the efforts of James Monroe, then U.S. Minister to France. Paine remained in France until 1802 when he returned to America on an invitation from Thomas Jefferson. Paine discovered that his contributions to the American Revolution had been all but eradicated due to his religious views. Derided by the public and abandoned by his friends, he died on June 8, 1809 at the age of 72 in New York City.

Common Sense

Common Sense by Thomas Paine was greatly responsible for lighting up the Revolution. It is interesting that the title "Common Sense" struck a chord with the populous of the time. These days the term "Common Sense" does not even resonate with the vast majority of the population. We currently as a society are nearly devoid of common sense.

Those of us that still possess "common sense" realize what Thomas Paine realized then, and that is we are at war with the *Powers That Be*. And that we must adopt a war mentality if we are to survive.

Well, I have gotten up on my soap box plenty in past newsletters and I am getting tired and have no idea how many of you really get just exactly how urgent it is for us to be more proactive in the preservation our liberty (I would however love to hear from you).

Since in the last few issues I have laid out in detail what I thought we as individuals should be doing for ourselves and the cause of liberty, I will not go into any more detail but just refer you to the last issues for suggestions on how to take action. Below I will list some of the websites that are very instructive and informative.

My point, as always, is keep fighting, never give up, never quit.

David A. Wood
Treasurer, Second Amendment Coalition of Florida



James Shaw for Commissioner of Agriculture

As I am sure you know many of our members and a great many members of the gun rights community around the State are supportive of his campaign. [Link](#)

There are 4 Republican Candidates running in the primary: [Nadd, Chuck](#), [Olle Jr, Richard Earl, Shaw, James](#), [Simpson, Wilton](#).

Currently, both Donald Trump and Ron DeSantis along with the RPOF (Republican Party of Florida) are endorsing Wilton Simpson. Ron is a late comer to Simpson’s endorsement because it was initially rumored that he would endorse Chuck Nadd. This was a ploy by Ron DeSantis to put pressure on Wilton Simpson to sign on to his now recently signed Senate Bill [\(SB\) 524](#), Election Administration, to ensure that Florida continues to have secure and accurate elections. The deal was if Wilton supported the Bill Ron DeSantis would support him for Agriculture Commissioner.

We understand that in politics, even with the most ethical, deals get struck that aren’t in the best interest of the citizenry. I still intend to support James Shaw and hope you will too.

David A. Wood
Treasurer, Second Amendment Coalition of Florida



Our Booth at Florida Outdoor Expo in a stiff wind with David Wood and Jim McClean



Liberty Resources Websites

- <http://www.numbersusa.com/content/>
- <http://www.campaignforliberty.com/>
- <http://www.eagleforum.org/>
- <http://gunowners.org/>
- <http://www.jpfo.org/>
- <http://home.nra.org/>
- <http://www.usacarry.com/>
- <http://www.wnd.com/>
- <https://www.corbetteport.com/>
- <http://www.ae911truth.org/>
- <http://www.infowars.com/>
- <https://usawatchdog.com/>
- <https://www.naturalnews.com/>
- <https://www.theepochtimes.com/>

Politics What Is Going On?

Well it is possible that [HB 103](#) tagged a Constitutional Carry Bill is not yet dead for this Legislative year. One more Special Session is scheduled for May 23rd to consider legislation related to property insurance, reinsurance, changes to the Florida Building Code to improve the affordability of property insurance, the Office of Insurance Regulation, civil remedies, and appropriations. [Link](#)

There is a slim possibility that we can encourage Governor DeSantis to include “Constitutional Carry” in this session since he said Friday, April 29th that he will sign a bill allowing constitutional carry before he leaves office. [Link](#)

So here is the action we should be taking:

We should call:

Governor Ron DeSantis 850-488-7146

Wilton Simpson 850-487-5229

Dist. Office 352-688-5077

Chris Sprowls 850-717-5065

Dist. Office 722-793-2810

And tell them:

There is no reason to wait on passing HB 103 Constitutional Carry and it should be added to the session being held on May 23th 2022.

At Our Last Meeting Held April 21st

We filled the room for the meeting and had more than 40 in attendance. As usual we had many political candidates at our meeting. Dan Franzese, a SACFLA member, who is a regular at our meetings, is running for US Congress (new) Dist. 22 has been recently endorsed by Rudy Giuliani. We had Dr. Saulis Banioni who is running for State House Rep. Dist. 93 and Christina DuCasse running for State House Rep. Dist. 91. Eric Ankner was there running for State Senate Dist. 31. Mike Vilardi spoke for Keith Feit who is running for State Rep. Dist. 90. Ruth Field Beck spoke for Connor Frontera a candidate for P. B. C. School Board Dist. 3.

Under the heading of Old Business we decided that we were too late to plan a *Friends of the NRA Banquet* for this year. However, with great support from our members we did decide to participate in the South Florida Fair in 2023.

Under New Business we talked about our participation in the Florida Outdoor Expo a relatively new 3 day event that would be held April 22, 23 and 24, covering a wide variety of outdoor sports. The event gave us a booth outside the ticket booths that allowed us to offer free entry to the show if they either become an NRA member or renewed their membership.

Our program offered two presentations. The first was Alan Menster who is the Chief of Security for Club 45. He wanted us to understand that Club 45 needed to tighten their security and went over the new procedures that would be implemented. These procedures would allow those with Concealed Weapons Permits to enter armed but they would first have to present their Driver's License and their Concealed Weapons Permit. All entrants that did not present those ID's would be wanded.

The second presenter was Mike Essen a conservative podcast host of mikeessenradioshow.com. He talked about

several issues that spawned discussion among our members. Issues that he presented were how States with Constitutional Carry had seen a drop in crime. Also, talked about that most mass killers could pass a background check and that governments know the best way to control a populace was to disarm them. He made a special reference to the fact that VP Harris wants police to go door to door to take firearms.

There were several announcements the most important of which was that John Caola and Ralph DiNicola have been appointed as interim SACFLA Board Members.



Second Amendment and Gun Related Information &

News Digest



The Great Ammo Shortage Of 2022 Isn't Over

By [Brent M. Eastwood](#)



Federal Ammo. Image Credit: Creative Commons.

The Great Ammo Shortage of 2022 just won't go away. You might [struggle](#) to find [ammunition](#) for your pistol, rifle, or shotgun [this year](#). Reasons for the shortage range wide, from supply bottlenecks to a copper shortage and the war in Ukraine. The best solution might be to make your own bullets.

Ammo Shortage *from page 3*

Great Ammo Shortage – Demand and Supply

People are buying more guns, and there are a lot of new gun owners. In 2020, [20 percent of American](#) gun purchasers had never before bought a firearm. Thirty-nine percent of people recently polled in the United States own at least one pistol, rifle, or shotgun, according to the [General Social Survey](#), and [FBI background checks](#) tracked a 41 percent increase in gun ownership from 2019 to 2020. That adds up to 8.4 million new owners. These gun owners need ammunition. So, the demand side of the equation is easy to see.

[Read more](#)



Our Research at Real Clear Investigations: LA’s Crime Surge Migrates to Wealthy, Whiter Zip Codes of Boldface Names

Apr 13, 2022 | [Featured](#), [Original Research](#)
[CPRC original research](#)



We decided to measure exactly how the locations of crime have been changing in a city such as Los Angeles. It is surely something people have felt was happening, but it seemed useful to actually measure the size of the change. We teamed up with James Varney at **Real Clear Investigations** to put [this piece together](#). The data for this research is [available here](#).

... Wealthy and predominantly white neighborhoods have experienced the sharpest upticks in a wide array of crimes, according to an analysis conducted for RealClearInvestigations by criminologist John Lott of the Crime Prevention Research Center.

The zip codes showing the largest increases are home to film and pop stars, including Beverly Hills, of “90210” fame, where Beyonce and Jay-Z have their West Coast house; Bel Air, of “Fresh Prince” Will Smith fame, where Jennifer Lopez now resides; and Los Feliz, where Katy Perry and Orlando Bloom share a house and where Angelina Jolie has resided since her divorce from Brad Pitt. Nearby, the U.S. Postal Service has [suspended delivery](#) to one neighborhood in Santa Monica – a town where celebrities including Tom Cruise, Christian Bale and Sandra Bullock reportedly have homes – because “multiple carriers have been subjected to assault and threats of assault.”

Lott’s analysis (data [here](#)), which correlates census and LAPD crime statistics for the period January 2019 to January 2022, also reveals that those neighborhoods now account for much greater shares of the total number of crimes committed in Los Angeles. It shows that the richer and whiter the area, the greater the increase in both raw crime totals and percentages of total city crime. This includes a wide range of felonies, from robbery, burglary, shoplifting and car theft to aggravated assault and rape. Although poor and minority neighborhoods still experience the largest total number of crimes, including violent crimes such as murder, the shift to relatively safer neighborhoods is pronounced.

While the total number of rapes fell in Los Angeles during the 37-month period studied, their share spiked in predominantly white neighborhoods – rising 18.2% in neighborhoods where they comprise 81% to 100% of residents.

[Read more](#)





Legal Facts

NRA Alleges NYAG's Office "Coordinated and Conspired" with Everytown for Gun Safety

April 12, 2022 – The NRA today filed its amended response to the remaining claims in the New York Attorney General's (NYAG) Verified Amended and Supplemental Complaint against the Association. In its response, the NRA alleges that the NYAG's office "coordinated and conspired with Everytown for Gun Safety, an entity which was founded to serve as a 'counterweight' to the NRA."

The NYAG filed a dissolution lawsuit against the NRA in August 2020. On March 2, 2022, a New York court struck down attempts by NYAG James to dissolve the NRA – delivering a big win for the NRA. The NRA is now defending against the surviving claims in the lawsuit.

The filing notes that, in February 2019, prior to launching her investigation into the NRA, senior representatives of NYAG Letitia James' office met with representatives of Everytown for Gun Safety about the NRA.

[Read more](#)

Editor's Note: If you click on the "Read More" above it will take you to the NRA's Legal Facts page where you will find information on all their legal involvements.



Attending NRA Annual Meetings? Don't Forget to RSVP for the NRA-ILA 2022 Political Update!

You're invited to join NRA-ILA for an important Political Update Meeting at NRA's 151st Annual Meetings & Exhibits in Houston! Get the latest and most critical information on your Second Amendment rights from NRA-ILA staff. Choose from one of three NRA-ILA Political Update Meetings, May 27th-29th and RSVP below:



Biden's 'Final Order' on Upper Receivers Finalized

Apr 29, 2022

This week, Joe Biden's Executive Order requiring serial numbers on upper receivers, redefining what a firearm is, and redefining what a gunsmith is, was published on the Federal Registry.

This was the 'Final Order' and it takes effect on August 24.

As you may remember, Biden recently held an angry press conference in the Rose Garden denouncing the American people who have blocked his gun control agenda in the US Senate.

Unable to round up our semi-automatic firearms, unable to establish a national gun registry, unable to pass a national 'Red Flag' law, unable to pass a damn thing, Biden is resorting to tyrannical Executive Orders.

[Read More](#)

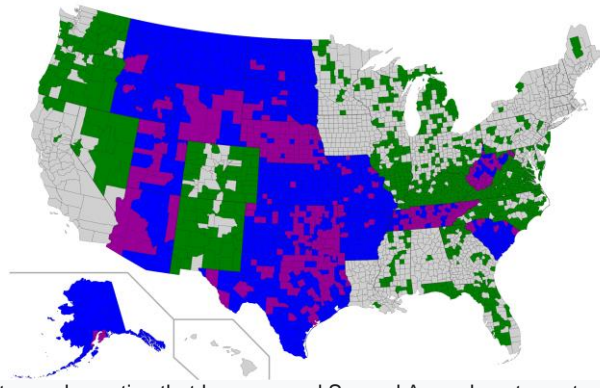
[Executive Order Summary](#)

[Full Text of Order](#)



Florida Leads the Nation in Conceal Carry Permits

Here is the most recent report from the department of agriculture.



States and counties that have passed Second Amendment sanctuary (or other pro-Second Amendment) laws or resolutions as of July, 2021. Localities within counties that have adopted such resolutions are not displayed in this map.

- County level
- State level
- Both state and county levels

Florida has 42 counties, three cities and one town that have adopted Second Amendment Sanctuary (or other pro-Second Amendment) resolutions by the most recent information I could find. Currently Palm Beach County is not among the adopters of any 2 A Sanctuary resolutions and the prospects are that they never will adopt any.

So, our only hope is to have a declaration made on the State level. There were several bills put forward this past Legislative session but none of them made their way out of committee. These bills will be reintroduced in the next session and we will have to be vigilant and apply all the pressure we can muster to have these laws adopted.



Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
Division of Licensing
Number of Licensees by Type
As of April 30, 2022

Type	License Title	Total
C	Private Investigators	6,968
CC	Private Investigator Interns	1,334
A	Private Investigative Agencies	2,651
AA	Private Investigative Agency Branch Offices	20
MA	Private Investigative Agency Managers	82
M	Private Investigative/Security Agency Managers	463
D	Security Officers	125,086
B	Security Agencies	1,923
BB	Security Agency Branch Offices	179
MB	Security Managers	1,432
AB	Security Agency/Private Investigative Agency Branch Offices	19
DS	Security Officer Schools	400
DI	Security Officer Instructors	1,710
G	Statewide Firearm Licenses	24,347
K	Firearms Instructor	634
E	Recovery Agents	752
EE	Recovery Agent Interns	262
R	Recovery Agencies	278
RR	Recovery Agency Branch Offices	30
MR	Recovery Agency Managers	2
RS	Recovery Agent School	6
RI	Recovery Agent Instructor	9
W	Concealed Weapon or Firearm	2,510,164
WJ	Concealed Weapon or Firearm/Circuit and County Judges	818
WR	Concealed Weapon or Firearm/Retired Law Enforcement and Correctional Officers	13,412
WS	Concealed Weapon or Firearm/Consular Security Official	7
Total Number of Licensees		2,692,988

Link to statistical reports: <https://www.fdacs.gov/Divisions-Offices/Licensing/Statistical-Reports>

West Palm Beach Regional Office

400 N. Congress Ave., Ste. 140,
West Palm Beach, FL 33401-2912
(561) 681-2530

Products and Services:

Concealed weapon license applications (new and renewals); private investigation, private security, recovery and repossession license applications (new and renewals)

[Learn More](#)

[Get Directions](#)



Constitutional Carry

CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY:

No tests. No taxes. No paperwork. No fingerprints in the criminal database. No photographs. No expiration dates. No plastic-coated permission slip. Just rights. For all law-abiding adults. Train because it's right, not state mandated.



Gun Safety Rules

1. Always assume the gun is loaded
2. Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction
3. Never point a gun at anything you do not intend to destroy
4. Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot
5. Know your target and what is beyond it



Join Sacfla Today

Meeting Location and Times

Our meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at Red Lobster on Lake Worth Road just west of Jog Road on the south side. All are welcome to come early to get a drink or a bite to eat.

Place: **Red Lobster**
 6638 Lake Worth Road
 Lake Worth, FL 33467
 561-433-1434

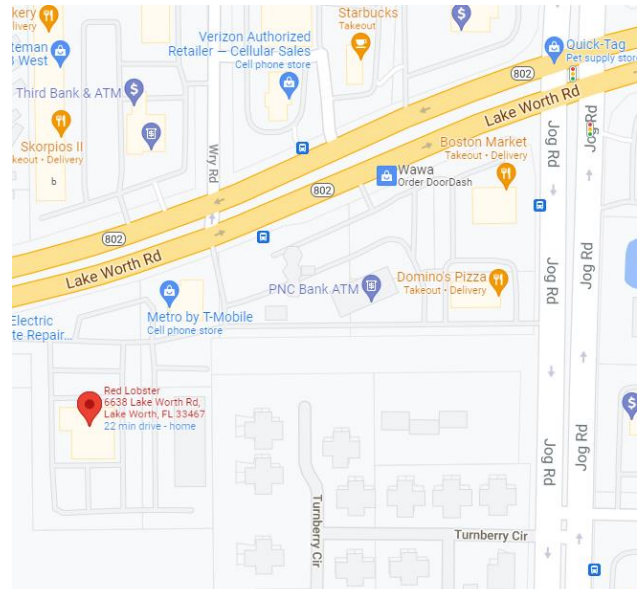
Time: 6:00 pm — Socializing
 7:00 pm — Meeting begins

All are welcome to attend our meetings even if you are not currently a member. Your support, whether or not you attend meetings, helps us to help you protect your Second Amendment Rights.

Your membership also helps support our monthly meetings, monthly newsletter, NRA recruiting, Friends of NRA Banquet, Tallahassee lobbying efforts, our struggle to get a true public gun range for our county, youth shooting sports and various other functions and activities throughout the year.

Our organization was originally incorporated in April of 1995 as the “NRA Members Council of Palm Beach County, Inc.” The NRA discontinued Members Councils so in December of 1999 we changed our name to “The Second Amendment Coalition of Florida, Inc.” (SACFLA)

Our organization is still active in recruiting members for the NRA but is most importantly concerned about protecting our absolute right to bear arms.



**When they took the 4th Amendment away
 I was quiet because I didn't deal in drugs...**

**When they took the 6th Amendment away
 I was quiet because I had never been arrested...**

**When they took the 2nd Amendment away
 I was quiet because I didn't own a gun...**

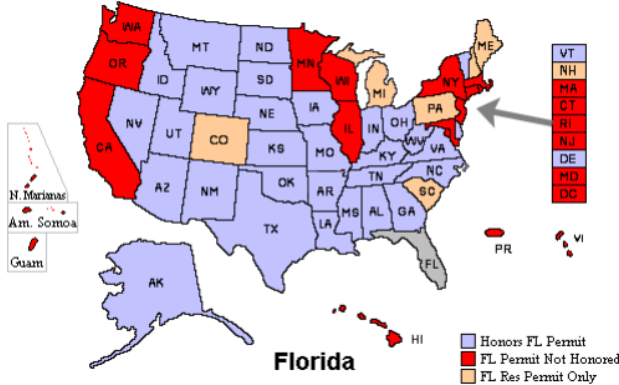
Now they have taken the 1st Amendment away and all I can do is be quiet...

It's never too late to fight for your freedoms and rights

**Either you're part of the problem.....
 or you're part of the solution....
 Join us and fight for freedom**

[Link to Application](#)

**GUN LAWS AND
LEGAL ISSUE RESOURCES**



Current Reciprocity Map

Websites you can go to get information:

States that Honor Florida's Concealed Carry Permits:

<https://www.fdaacs.gov/Consumer-Resources/Concealed-Weapon-License/Concealed-Weapon-License-Reciprocity>

BATF

<http://www.atf.gov/>

NRA-ILA: Firearms Laws

<https://www.nraila.org/gun-laws/>

Florida Statute 790 "Weapons and Firearms"

http://www.lex.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0700-0799/0790/0790ContentsIndex.html

FloridaConcealedCarry.com

<http://floridaconcealedcarry.com/>

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Website



**Upcoming
Events**

SACFLA Meeting

Thursday, May 19th

Gun & Knife Show

May 28th & 29th



WHERE TO SHOOT

Indian River County, Sebastian, FL (772-581- 4944)

<http://www.goshootingirc.com/>

Martin County Sportsmen's Association, Inc. (772-287-9567)

<http://mcsa.cc/>

Quail Creek Plantation, Okeechobee (863-763-2529)

<http://www.quailcreekplantation.com/#home>

Okeechobee Shooting Sports (863-357-3006)

www.okshooting.com

OK Corral Gun Club (863-357-2226)

9449 NE 48th Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972

email: info@okcorralgunclub.com

web: <https://okcorralgunclub.com/>

Palm Beach County (561-233-0255)

http://www.co.palm-beach.fl.us/fdo/Admin/Shooting_Range.htm

Gator Guns & Archery Center, West Palm Beach (561-683-1411)

www.gatorgunsandarchery.com

Palm Beach Shooting Center, Lake Worth (561-588-4867)

<http://palmbeachshootingcenter.com/>

Delray Shooting Center (561-265-0700)

https://shootingcenters.com/Home_Page.html

Delray Police Benevolent Association (561-732-9150)

<http://delraybeachpba.com/>

Markham Park, Broward County (954-831-4000)

<http://www.broward.org/parks/range.htm>

<http://www.markhampark.com/>

Revere Gun Range, Pompano Beach (954-942-3777)

Shoot Straight Phone: 561-721-7171

<https://shoot-straight.com/locations-and-ranges/west-palm-beach/>