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Remington is Auctioned: Who Got What

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by Hank Strange

(AmmoLand.com)- Since filing for bankruptcy back in 2018, gun nerds around the country, no scratch that, around the world, have been waiting with bated breath to find out exactly what happens next with mega firearms manufacturer Remington Arms.

Founded in Upstate New York in 1816 by Eliphalet Remington under the name E. Remington and Sons. In over 200 years the company grew into one of the most recognized names in the industry and a literal behemoth after it was absorbed into the Freedom Group (a subsidiary of the Cerberus Capital Management Equity Firm) in 2007. Cerberus also owns highly recognizable Firearms names like Bushmaster, DPMS and Marlin. So big is the Remington name that The Freedom Group renamed the conglomerate into Remington Outdoor Company in 2015.

Things went downhill fast in recent years, and we can blame that on a combination of over \$900 Million in debt, anti-second amendment politics, activist investors, and lawyers seeking big paydays by suing firearms manufacturers for the cowardly actions of evil-doers intent on mass murder.

So even in times of high uncertainty and record-breaking gun sales in



America, Remington found itself filling bankruptcy for a second time, and an auction was ordered by the courts. For the last few weeks, lots of rumors have been swirling in the Industry, from one big Investment group buying the whole thing to the Ammo holdings being sold off to one party and the rest to another.

Vista Outdoor, Inc. is the successful bidder of the Lonoke Ammunitions business and certain IP assets. **SIG Sauer, Inc.** is the backup bidder (if Vista doesn't want it, SIG gets next dibs.) Vista is also a big player in the firearms field with ownership of Federal, CCI, Blazer, Independence, American Eagle, and Bushnell just to name a few Brands.

Roundhill Group, LLC is the successful bidder of the non-Marlin firearms business and inventory; **Huntsman Holdings, LLC** and **Century Arms, Inc.** are the backup bidders. I have no idea what firearms industry brands these guys already have.

Sierra Bullets, LLC is the successful bidder for the Barnes Ammunitions business; and **Barnes Acquisition LLC** is the backup bidder. These guys are a rival Ammo manufacturer that have been around since the 1940s.

Sturm, Ruger & Company, Inc. is the successful bidder for the assets attached to the Marlin Firearms business; **Long Range Acquisition LLC** is the backup bidder. This will be an interesting acquisition for Ruger, making them a player in the lever-action market.

JJE Capital Holdings, LLC is the successful bidder for the DPMS, H&R, Stormlake, AAC, and Parker brands. This is big news and a big step up for the parent company of Palmetto State Armory, one of the fastest going manufacturers in the Industry. Also, these guys are true 2A folks]

Franklin Armory Holdings, Inc., or its designated assignee, as the successful bidder with respect to the Bushmaster brand and certain related assets. I never even saw this one coming, however it's awesome news for one of the true Second Amendment companies on this list, and also a manufacturer that thinks entirely outside of the box when it comes to innovation.

Sportsman's Warehouse, Inc. as the Successful Bidder with respect to the Tapco brand. Let's be honest; Tapco is known for the best accessories in the game, however they do have a big lineup. Here's hoping these guys can upgrade the quality.

Biden Declares He is the Democratic Party. This is Their Gun Ban Plan

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By Larry Keane

(AmmoLand.com)- Former Vice President Joe Biden is the captain now. "The party is me," Biden said during the presidential debate. "Right now, I am the Democratic Party. I am the Democratic Party right now."

The debate didn't touch on gun control. Amidst the arguing and speaking over one another, the candidates touched on Supreme Court nominees, law enforcement, riots, and looting. The topic of gun rights or gun control wasn't addressed. The former vice president, though, told the American public exactly where he is on gun control when he uttered that phrase. He wants more of it. Lots more.

The Democratic Party adopted the Biden-Harris platform at their convention earlier this year that laid out their plans to enact unprecedented gun control. It's a ban plan, an elimination plan, and a watchlist plan that will strip law-abiding Americans of their God-given rights and do nothing to address crime reduction.

Ban Plan

"Democrats will ban the manufacture and sale of assault weapons and high capacity magazines," their plan reads. The party maligns the modern sporting rifle by attempting to equate it with an automatic fire-



arm used by the military. What they want to ban are semiautomatic firearms simply over cosmetic features and make technology that is more than 100 years old illegal. They would ban the manufacture and sale the most popular-selling center-fire rifle on the market today.

Elimination Plan

The Biden-Harris plan would eliminate "online sales of guns and ammunition" denying Americans the ability to shop online and purchase firearms, which can only be transferred by the retailer to the customer in a face-to-face transaction after a mandatory FBI background check. That background check, too, would be required for every transfer of a firearm. Biden's plan would criminalize private firearm transfers, whether that be a sale, a father handing a shotgun down to his child, sisters lending their handgun to one another, or lifelong friends swapping guns as collectibles. That right would be eliminated, and worse, criminalized.

Watchlist Plan

That's not all Biden wants. His plan to enact universal background

checks would create registries that would put innocent Americans on government watchlists. That's regulation that is barred by federal law, but they've got a plan for that. He would force states to create a licensing scheme for firearm ownership and Americans would be forced to pay a fee to exercise a right. Illinois gives insight to the calamity that awaits. Illinois has among the strictest gun control laws, but the Firearms Owner Identification (FOID) Card system is a train wreck. The state has a backlog of more than three months and more than 135,000 applications to process a card to allow citizens to exercise their rights.

Biden proposes to go further and mandate how a firearm is stored in the home. Biden disregards the U.S. Supreme Court struck such a requirement in the landmark 2008 Heller decision. The opinion written by the late Justice Antonin Scalia did more than affirm the Second Amendment is an individual right. That decision also struck down the District of Columbia's law that a firearm must be kept in the home with a trigger lock as unconstitutional.

This is the ship that Biden is piloting. The ship has no rudder. U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.) said the party would drift further left if Biden is elected. Biden is putting his party on a collision course with the Constitution, the Supreme Court, and voters. Biden is the captain now.

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Government bureaucracy drains the vitality and wealth of the people. The West became great not because of paperwork and regulations but because people were allowed to chase their dreams and pursue their destinies.

Donald J. Trump

Special Report

Below the Radar: Potential Gun Legislation you Need to Know About

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by Harold Hutchison

HR 3552 - the Unlawful Gun Buyer Alert Act

One thing to remember when legislation is introduced – it's never just about what the stated goal is. You need to not only look at the text of the legislation but also who introduced it. Otherwise, it becomes very easy to walk into a trap that could cost us our rights.

One case in point is HR 3552, the Unlawful Gun Buyer Alert Act. This was introduced by Representative David Cicilline (D-RI). Cicilline has introduced a number of anti-Second Amendment bills, including the Untraceable Firearms Act of 2019. Such a track record means that he should not get the benefit of the doubt, even when the stated goal of the legislation is innocuous – or even praiseworthy.

The Unlawful Gun Buyer Alert Act purports to require that law enforcement be informed when a prohibited person tries to acquire a firearm (or actually does). Now, this is a laudable goal. Those who try to buy firearms in violation of the law ought to be punished. According to the text of the legislation, the local and state law enforcement agencies are to be notified, along with the local field office of the FBI.

Sounds good, right? Get the guy trying to illegally buy the firearm and hit him with the appropriate sentence after conviction. Well, there are just a couple of problems. First, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,



Firearms, and Explosives (BATFE) are nowhere to be seen – and isn't that the agency that's supposed to be handling that sort of thing?

That's a minor problem. Beyond that bit of bureaucratic stuff comes the big issue: Not all of the denials issued by the National Instant Check System (NICS) are legit.

In fact, a significant number of them are erroneous, and there is no effective appeals process for those who are caught up in those denials.

Now, there is legislation, the Firearms Due Process Protection Act, that would fix those problems, which you'd think would be a good thing so as to prevent wild goose chases – or worse, wrongful convictions that could land people some serious time in federal prison.

But Cicilline's legislation lacks those measures that provide a modicum of fairness for people wishing to exercise their Second Amendment rights that have become the victims of a bureaucratic mix-up. The fact is,

Cicilline's poor track record on Second Amendment issues means his bill, as written, is a complete non-starter.

This is not to say that some notification when a prohibited person tries to buy a firearm isn't warranted, but Cicilline's bill is not the place to start, given the problems NICS has with erroneous denials.

HR 1817 - Firearms Due Process Protection Act

There is no denying that anti-Second Amendment extremists have wanted to keep law-abiding citizens from owning firearms. Ideally, as Sarah Brady famously put it, they want a "needs-based" licensing scheme. There have been numerous bills introduced, like the Sabika Sheikh Firearm Licensing and Registration Act, which would create such restrictive schemes.

Right now, what exists is the National Instant Check System. The sys-

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tem is not without flaws, and it certainly needs improvements.

One such improvement is proposed by Representative Tom Emmer (R-MN), HR 1817, known as the Firearm Due Process Protection Act. According to a release by Representative Emmer in 2016, when he introduced the legislation in a previous Congress, the legislation will do several things, all of which are benefits to law-abiding citizens who wish to exercise their rights.

First, let's lay it out what is being addressed: A NICS denial can be a big deal. It is a warning that a prohibited person is trying to buy a firearm. But there are numerous cases of erroneous denials, which often have needed to be cleared up. They can be cleared up, though.

"The primary reasons for successful appeals are mismatched fingerprints and inaccurate criminal history records, and currently the amount of erroneous denials is not public information," the 2016 release said. But the Obama administration halted the appeals process.

This legislation requires a response to an appeal within 60 days. The bill also provides for people to sue in court to rectify erroneous information if the FBI fails to do so, and for the case to be heard in 30 days. Most importantly, in those proceedings, the text of the legislation states that the government "shall bear the burden of proving by clear and convincing evidence that the individual is ineligible to receive or possess a firearm."

The bill also provides for an award of attorney's fees should someone appealing prevail in court, and it requires the FBI to report on the disposition of appeals as well. These are all very important, especially when it comes to establishing and reinforcing some constitutional basics.

First, it places the burden of proof on the government to deny a consti-

tutional right. This is in marked contrast to the "needs-based" licensing schemes that Sarah Brady once wanted, which forces people to prove they'd need a given firearm.

Second, it also holds the government responsible for when its mistakes cause law-abiding citizens to be delayed or denied in exercising their rights.

The Firearm Due Process Protection Act doesn't create a perfect scenario, but it represents a step forward. In addition, it also would expose anti-Second Amendment extremists as wanting to deny people the ability to own firearms. Second Amendment supporters should contact their Senators and Representative and politely urge passage of HR 1817. In addition, they should also ask for other improvements, like overriding the licensing regimes and waiting periods in states where such schemes exist.

HR 3454/S 1943 - The Help Empower Americans to Respond Act

Anti-Second Amendment extremists have a lot of disregard for those Americans who exercise their Second Amendment rights. If they aren't trying to ban guns, they are trying to otherwise make life difficult for any law-abiding American who either owns a gun or wants to do so.

The difficulty doesn't just come with restrictions on firearms. It can also include targeting accessories, including heavily regulated ones like suppressors. Under the National Firearms Act, suppressors (often called silencers) are subject to a \$200 tax, and a lengthy process to make or transfer. In fact, the process of getting a suppressor is what many anti-Second Amendment extremists want to inflict on any American who wishes to own a firearm.

But that just isn't enough for some. One of those who thinks the NFA's process is too lax is Representative

Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-NJ), who has introduced HR 3454, the Help Empower Americans to Respond Act.

So, what is she proposing? She's taken the Eric Swalwell approach on modern multi-purpose semiautomatic firearms and applied it to suppressors. In plain English, she wants a total ban on any civilian ownership. Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ) has introduced S 1943, a companion bill in the Senate. In this case, the misuse of a suppressor in Virginia Beach last year is being used at the pretext for a "Mr. and Mrs. America, turn them all in" moment.

Oh, Coleman will graciously grant a 90-day grace period to turn them in, and there will be a "buyback" of the civilian silencers. But the facts make this bill an injustice targeting Americans for punishment for crimes and acts of madness they didn't commit. And the injustice is compounded by the fact there are laws on the books to address the misuse of suppressors.

The fact is, the misuse of suppressors already can land someone in prison for at least 30 years under the provisions of 18 USC 924(c). Plus, there is the rarity of suppressors even being misused. This is not surprising, just as it wasn't surprising that we haven't heard of flamethrowers being misused. Suppressors actually make firearms less concealable. That, and the already strict requirements to legally own one, make this bill nothing more than an injustice.

Second Amendment supporters need to contact their Senators and Representative and politely urge them to defeat HR 3454 and S 1943. Ask them to support legislation like the Protecting Communities and Preserving The Second Amendment Act to target the misuse of firearms and various accessories instead.

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House Resolution 1013

You may wonder why we are taking time from actual bills to, instead, cover a House resolution. We do so because, while they didn't have the force of law, they could still tilt the playing field – and voting for or against them means elected officials are taking a stand.

That is why H Res 1013 is important for Second Amendment supporters. This resolution, introduced by Representative Russ Fulcher (R-ID), not only expresses some common sense, but it also could put anti-Second Amendment extremists in a bit of a tough spot. Fulcher is in his first term in the House of Representatives, and this resolution is a very promising sign that he is not only going to be a reliable supporter of our rights, but also a skilled tactician in the advancement and defense of those rights.

Reading the text reveals just what Fulcher has done in support of the Second Amendment during this turbulent time. As many left-wing mayors and city councils cut or disband police departments, they have turned around and pushed for more gun control as violent crime rose. See Chicago mayor Lori Lightfoot as one case in point (in the case of Chicago, enforcing current federal laws could do much to end the violence).

But even when fully funded, the old maxim - when seconds count, the police are minutes away - has been proven time and time again. It will be even more true when left-wing politicians slash the police budget. This reality – one that anyone with common sense – is what Fulcher's resolution addressed.

It simply states that it is the "sense of the House of Representatives" that any jurisdiction that cuts police budgets or which shuts down police departments should not be adding "undue restrictions" on the right to keep and bear arms and, in fact should remove them. What are

"undue restrictions?" Fulcher points to the Heller and McDonald rulings in the resolution, and this is where a floor vote on this resolution would put anti-Second Amendment extremists in a tough spot.

A close reading of Heller would note that it extends the protection to firearms that are commonly used for lawful purposes. This would include modern multi-purpose semiautomatic long guns and the standard-capacity magazines they use. So, in essence, the House adopting this resolution would tell places that are cutting cops to also get rid of semi-auto bans, among other infringements – all so people could protect themselves since defunded cops would likely take longer to respond.

Of course, opposing the resolution could easily be used to paint anti-Second Amendment extremists as unconcerned about people's safety. They defund the cops, take away your rights, and what is left to protect you? Not much.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 40

Why might Second Amendment supporters want to push a fight over a piece of legislation that may have no chance of passing? Sometimes, it can be a way to gauge what elected officials think of our rights. That is the case with any concurrent resolution in this Congress, given the current landscape in the legislative branch

Democrats generally hostile to our Second Amendment rights control the House of Representatives. Republicans, who have supported our Second Amendment rights, control the Senate. This means that much legislation is caught in the middle of a standoff – neither side can push through what it wants.

S Con Res 40, introduced by Senator Kelly Loeffler, can be used to clarify where your elected officials stand, particularly on the ability of Americans to exercise the "bear

arms" portion of their Second Amendment rights.

While many states have enacted "shall issue" or "constitutional carry" laws, some still cling to the very discriminatory "may issue" standard – notably New York, New Jersey, and California. To date, these laws have been standing against court challenges, and these states are not likely to change those laws legislatively any time soon.

Loeffler's concurrent resolution would put Congress squarely against "undue restrictions" on the carrying of firearms. If passed, this resolution would place Congress foursquare against the highly restrictive carry laws in place in the few "discretionary" issue states – which in many cases have been "non-issue" in the application of those laws.

But concurrent resolutions do not become law. They are a sense of where the entire Congress stands, just as House and Senate resolutions are where that portion of the Congress stands. But the value of a concurrent resolution doesn't just lie in getting politicians to take a stand one way or another, although, in this case, it would be interesting to see just how they explain how the application of carry laws in New Jersey and California (among other places) wouldn't fall under that standard.

In this case, the concurrent resolution would also be a means by which to help bolster other rounds of legal challenges to the discretionary issue laws. By placing Congress on record against them, especially in terms of "undue restrictions," this resolution can make the next round of legal challenges more likely to succeed, even if that improvement is slight.

Second Amendment supporters should contact their Representative and Senators and politely urge them to back S Con Res 40. It is well past time to get Congress to voice its objections to discretionary carry laws.

Who's Who in Firearms - Part 6

Small Arms Lexicon and Encyclopedias, Chester Mueller and John Olson, Shooter's Bible, South Hackensack, News Jersey, 1st Ed., 1968

Jennings, Lewis - American inventor of a tubular magazine lever-action rifle in 1849 that was the forerunner of the Winchester rifle.

Jessen, Niels Staal (1797-1880) - Danish gunmaker known for his work with muzzle loaders. His oval gun barrel in 1851 gave an elongated ball spin as it traveled down the bore.

Johnson, Cornelius - English gunsmith, as early as 1851, made pressure lock guns similar to the thumb-

cocked single action guns in use today.

Johnson, Melvin M. - American inventor of the Johnson rotary magazine, semi-auto, recoil-operated rifle used before WWII.

Jorgensen, Erik - Chief armorer of the Kongsberg Arms Factory in Norway. He work with Ole H. Krag in 1888 to produce the Krag-Jorgensen Modified Rifle. In 1892 it became the U.S. Magazine Rifle, caliber .30, Model 1892, better know as the "Krag" of "American Krag."

Kiefuss, Johann - Early inventor credited with inventing the wheel-lock ignition system in 1517

Kollner, C(G)asper - Viennese gunsmith who was credited with produc-

ing barrels with straight grooves in the bore.

Krag, Ole Herman (1837-1912) - Norwegian Army officer and gun designer (see Jorgensen, Erik). The rifle had a bolt with a single locking lug and a side box loading magazine.

LeBourgeois, Marin (c1550-1634) - French gunsmith and inventor, was reputed to have developed the first flintlock ignition firearm.

Lee, James Paris (1831-1904) - A Scottish-born U.S. Citizen who invented several firearms improvements. His name is associated with the Lee-Enfield and Lee-Metford rifles, and designed the Lee rifle adopted by the U.S. Navy in 1896.

LeFauchaux, M. - French gunsmith who, in 1835, introduced the first truly-successful breech loading cartridge and gun. His son, Eugene, patented a revolver in 1845 that became popular in Europe in the 19th Century.

Leman, Peter - American gunsmith who produced rifles used by the American Colonists during the Revolutionary War.

Lewis, Isaac Newton (1858-1931) - U.S. Army Colonel, developed the machine gun invented by Samuel Neal McClean. It was used by the British in WWI and others in WWII. He is probably best known for his Depression Position Finder.

Lippershey, Hans - Dutch optician who invented the telescope. In 1608, he applied for a patent but was denied by Dutch authorities for "military reasons."

Luger, George (1848-1922) - German engineer who, with Ludwig Loewe, a Berlin manufacturer, in 1900 patented an automatic toggle, locked-breech, automatic pistol. It was called the Pistole Parabellum Model 1900 and later sold under the trademark "Luger" in the U.S.

Telling A Lie

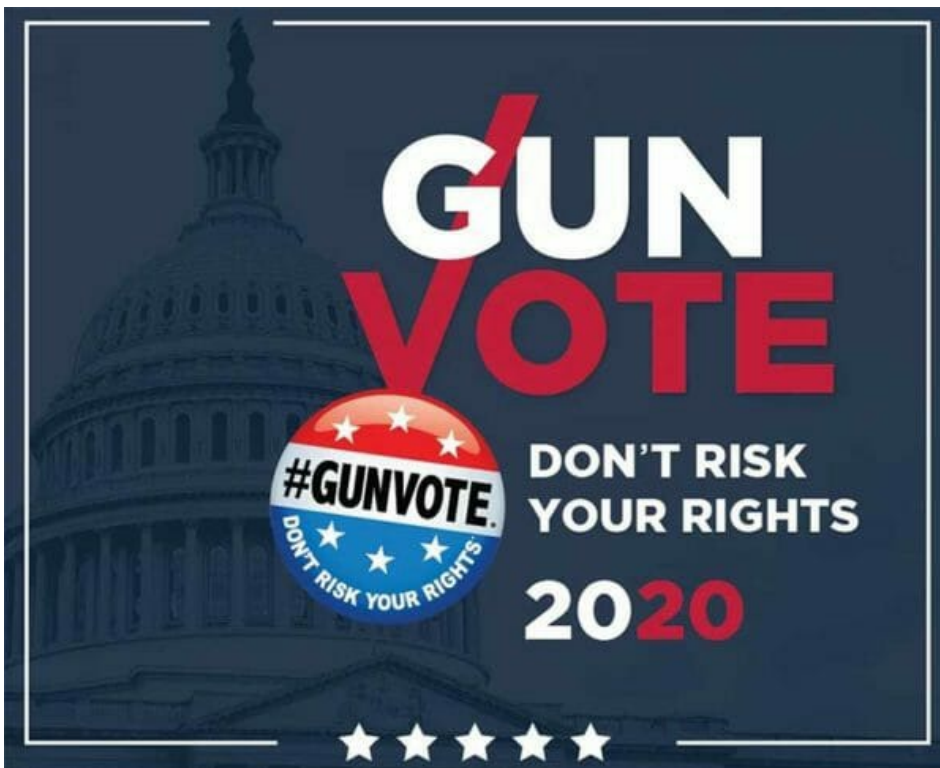
Misc Jokes

Submitted by Harry Finkelstein

Two guys find three grenades and they decide to take them to the police station.

One asks, "What if one explodes before we get there?"

The other replies, "We'll lie and say we only found two."



Generations Past Learned To Shoot a .22 LR Bolt Rifle. Today, the .22 LR AR-15 is That Perfect Learning Tool

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How the .22 LR AR-15 is the perfect tool to learn the platform:

- It's a reliable caliber, no matter the ammo you run.
- Given its light recoil, it's easy to shoot.
- It is extremely accurate.
- Ammo is very affordable.

- Hands down, its plain fun to shoot.

The .22 LR is available in a variety of types. You buy bulk ammo for plinking, and match ammo if you're working on marksmanship. With a .22, you'll need to experiment until finding the right ammo for your gun.

Regardless of age, learning how to shoot begins with the fundamentals. The AR is a lot like a .22 LR many of us grew up on: It's reliable, easy to use and extremely accurate — it's an "if I can see it, I can hit it" kind of rifle. It's the perfect platform to use

on your way to becoming a rifle shooter. But, this journey is more than just acquiring the gear. Learning how to use the AR, or any other firearm, starts with the fundamentals of marksmanship: Aim, hold, press and follow-through. The cool thing about the AR is that you can still do this with the .22 caliber, buying a dedicated .22 LR AR or using a conversion kit with a .223 Rem./5.56 AR. And prone is still the best position to start with.

What You Should Work On With Your .22 LR AR-15:

Finding NPOA

You start by learning about natural point of aim. This is a firing position that relies on bone support as opposed to muscle tension. You get into position with the sights on target. Shut your eyes, and inhale and exhale several times. Now, open your eye and note where the sights are. While breathing, your body settles into its "natural" position — you're not using muscles to hold the sights on target. If the sights shifted left or right of the target, then reposition your entire body instead of muscling the sights back on target.

Using your bone structure to keep the rifle on target is always more consistent than relying on muscle tension, and shooting accurately is always about consistency. You do the same thing — the exact same way over and over until achieving the desired results — which is the ability to place your shots exactly where you want them.

Before ever firing a shot you check, establish and confirm your NPOA. This is true for every firing position — even standing or offhand. Eventually you get to the point where you can line up the target, assume your firing position and you'll have a solid



You've cleared up that little detail for me....

If I hadn't already decided that was what you and your Democrat pals had in mind all along, I'm sure I know what your intentions are! Thanks for the WARNING!

You don't want "common sense" gun control; you want ALL my guns. You might get them from some of us, but with 350 Million Americans and over 400 million guns (and counting), you won't get them all. And, you won't get them easy!

You think you have gun problems now - just wait until you try to take away my God-given Constitutional right under the 2nd Amendment. We better start with the pocket pistol, 'cause you're going to have to eat it!

NPOA. This is the true “aiming” part of marksmanship.

In the beginning, it’s best to start with the basics, both for equipment and learning the skills needed to become a rifleman. Dummy ammo is mandatory: It allows you to dry practice, logging in the repetitions necessary to learn how to manipulate your AR.

But there’s a lot more to NPOA than getting the first shot to land where you want it: NPOA helps “hold” that position as the shot is fired and in-between multiple shots.

Sight, Breath And Trigger

Your visual hold with iron sights is achieved by focusing on the front sight. If you’re a pistol shooter, you already know this. Our eyes don’t have the ability to focus on the target, the front sight and the rear sight all at the same time. So, you focus on front sight — the middle of these three objects. The target will be blurry, but you can still tell if the front sight is holding where it should be.

The rear sight is blurry — a ghost ring sight is perfect for this because your eye naturally wants to center the front sight in its rear ring or aperture — but again you can hold the front sight steady in its center.

Hold also involves breath control. If you’re breathing while pressing the trigger, the front sight and muzzle will be moving, which is going to cause vertical separation in your shots. You have to stop breathing to hold the sights steady, and the best place to stop breathing is after you exhale. Empty lungs are always more consistent than “half” full, which will vary according to physical stress. Plus, there’s a natural pause that occurs between exhaling and when you start to inhale. You’re just trying to extend that natural pause out a little longer than normal in order to press the trigger.

Pressing the trigger smoothly is mandatory for shooting accurately

as well. Think about it this way: Your job is to hold the sights on target and smoothly press the trigger. It’s up to the rifle to decide when to fire the shot. When the shot does break, it should be what Jeff Cooper called a “surprise” break. Otherwise, you’ll anticipate the shot, muscling in behind the rifle in anticipation of the recoil that’s coming — and this will throw your accuracy way off. Hold it steady, pressssssss the trigger and let the rifle fire the shot.

Once the shot fires, you follow through ... which consists of recovering from the recoil, reacquiring the sight picture and resetting the trigger. This sequence ensures you don’t disturb the harmonics of the rifle, which will affect your accuracy. You concentrate on recovering from the recoil as opposed to attempting to control it. You’re focusing on the front sight before, during and after the shot, and then returning it to the target.

Trigger reset, of course, means keeping it pressed to the rear and then — once the sights are back on target — you release the trigger, but only far enough until you feel the internals of the AR “click,” which means the disconnecter has released the hammer so the trigger is holding it back. If you let your finger fly off the trigger after the shot, it will certainly affect accuracy ... and not

in a good way. Plus, follow through prepares you to shoot again, if necessary.

Today’s Best Learning Tool

Eventually, you start working with other positions, such as sitting and kneeling, and learning how to manipulate the AR — loading, unloading and reloading, and clearing malfunctions. Again, the AR is a great platform for this. All its controls are in exactly the right place for both right- and left-hand shooters.

A rifleman should also know how to maintain an AR. Keeping it clean and lubricated ensures a lifetime of service. It’s usually a simple task to replace a broken or worn part, which doesn’t happen often.

At some point, you start to develop an understanding of ballistics and trajectory. You learn what’s necessary to make a shot at distances multiple-hundreds of yards and beyond.

Rifle work is like a religion, with a little “r.” You have to practice it regularly ... otherwise it does you no good. You study and research. It’s something you never master; you’re always striving to improve. The AR is a great firearm to take this satisfying and rewarding journey with.



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September Sets Another Background Check Record



Each month since April 2020 has seen at least 3 million background checks being conducted by the National Instant Check System (NICS). That is, until September, but it was still another record month.

In September 2019, where a total of 2,207,312 checks were performed, September 2020 saw 2,892,115 checks done, a difference of 684,803. And, it was the busiest September in the 22 years of NICS.

These numbers are raw, and we will have to wait for the National Shooting Sports Foundation's (NSSF) adjusted figures to get the true picture. The raw numbers include gun purchases, but also checks for concealed carry permits and permits done in other states for other purposes. Estimates are that new gun

buyers make up about 40% of the total sales.

Bloomberg has estimated 1.92 million guns sold in 2020, but one has to remember their anti-gun stance. That number of guns included 780,000 rifles and shotguns, and 1.21 million handguns.

Sales in New Jersey alone jumped 30% between August and September, while sales dropped 7% in New York and Ohio. Several states saw a slight drop in gun sales. Even with the slowdowns, however, nearly every state in the nation saw an increase in sales.

NICS checks increased over 400% in Washington, D.C., While Delaware, Georgia, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, Rhode Island, and

Utah all saw checks increase more than 100% over 2019 figures.

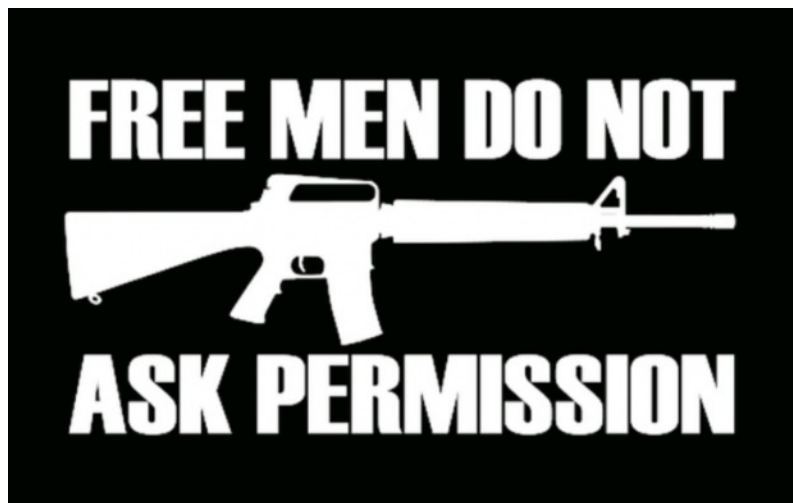
Historical demands for guns are expected to continue through the end of the year. Civil unrest (read "riots") and those who encourage lawless activities and continue to call for defunding the police are probably the primary reason, even for those who used to be anti-gun.

Political tensions will also continue well after the November 3 election, especially if President Trump is re-elected or the election goes into limbo waiting for a final decision on the winner. October is usually a strong month for gun purchases, and this year should be no exception.

Market supply and demand also comes into play. Some manufacturers are finding it difficult to provide enough guns to buy, even after putting extra shifts to work. Ammunition makers are having similar problems. Stories abound of people who wait several days to finally get a background check and take possession of a gun they purchased, only to find it is impossible to "feed it."

Only time will solve the supply and demand and ammunition issues, but questions remain what effects nearly 6 million new gun owners will have, first on the upcoming election, and second on the politics of gun control.

Data Source: Bearing Arms, 4 Oct 2020



DIRECTORY OF SERVICES

The Firing Line presents this Directory of Services for the use of CCGC members. Members who have a service to provide other members, whether firearms-related or not, are invited for inclusion.

Information needed includes:
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3) Phone, 4) E-mail, and
5) description of service.
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NRA-ILA: The Truth about “Assault” Weapons

Joe Biden and Kamala Harris want to ban certain types of semi-automatic firearms that are rarely used in crimes. These firearms are also commonly owned; estimates from 2018 peg the number owned in the U.S. at more than 16 million. So why are Biden and his would-be Florida man, Michael Bloomberg, so focused on these semi-automatic firearms? Why are certain types of semi-automatic rifles “uniquely deserving of prohibition?”

Law professor E. Gregory Wallace analyzed the arguments used to justify bans on these firearms, and his

conclusions have been published in the [Tennessee Law Review](#). Wallace does not address why anti-gun activists focus on semi-automatic rifles, but it is important to consider the origins of this effort. In the early 1980s, efforts to ban handguns failed to gain traction with the American public so gun controllers decided that a new focus on rifles could be a steppingstone to their ultimate goal. Their scheme depended on Americans’ ignorance regarding these rifles – and it still does. That’s why Biden and others continue to push the same falsehoods nearly 40 years later.

Wallace tackles these deliberate falsehoods and dismantles the assertions that semi-automatic rifles are somehow exceptionally lethal because they are “military-style” “weapons of war” or have a “capability for lethality...far beyond that of other firearms in general.” That last quote isn’t from Joe Biden; it’s from a court decision upholding a ban on certain types of semi-automatic firearms. Judges are important, so vote.

The fact that the military M-16 and M-4 resemble a civilian AR-15 does not make the rifles equal. That they fire the same cartridge is also irrelevant. The military chooses service weapons and calibers based on any number of factors and trade-offs are necessary. Military personnel also use 9mm pistols like the Glock 17 and the Sig P320; the 1911 .45 caliber pistol; 12-gauge shotguns like the Mossberg 500 or the Remington 870; and bolt-action rifles like the Remington 700.

An argument to ban “military-style” firearms is really an argument to ban all firearms. All modern firearms have some type of military analogue.

The second claim alleges that semi-automatic rifles like the AR-15 are supposedly “extra lethal” because they shoot faster, are more powerful, hold more ammunition, and cause more serious wounds than other firearms. These allegations would require semi-automatic firearms like the AR-15 to have a higher rate of fire, a higher velocity than other rifles, a unique ability to accept magazines with more than an arbitrary number of rounds, and somehow be differently subject to the laws of physics and physiology than any other firearm.

It’s important to note here that Wallace is, by his own admission, a firearms instructor and competitive shooter but his insight and experi-

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Worshipping in small church	Rioting in massive crowd
Hugging Grandma	Screaming at Grandma outside Trump rally
Sporting event	Sporting event where athletes are kneeling in protest
Shopping at small businesses	Looting small businesses
Licking doorknobs	Licking doorknobs to protest systemic racism or something
Walking through restaurant without a mask	Sitting at table in same restaurant without a mask
Getting hair done if you're a filthy peasant	Getting hair done if you're Nancy Pelosi
Hanging out on Florida beach alone	Being locked inside New York nursing home
Going to funeral	Going to cemetery to harvest mail-in votes
Going outside and enjoying life	Staying inside and slipping into deep depression
Taking hydroxychloroquine	Letting Bill Gates inject you with the Mark of the Beast
Going to polling place to vote for Trump	Going to polling place to vote for Biden

ence only informs his analysis – it does not drive him to a predetermined conclusion. That much is obvious, as his analysis is based on indisputable facts – the same raw facts that are willfully ignored by gun control proponents.

First, all semi-automatic firearms have essentially the same rate of fire: one round fired for every trigger pull. Another go-to gun control claim is that an AR-15 can be fired 300 to 500 times per minute, which would require between five and eight trigger pulls per second for an entire minute (without time for necessary reloads). Wallace points out that the sources for these claims were prominent gun control advocates. Again, all semi-automatic firearms have essentially the same rate of fire.

The most common AR-15 cartridges – the .223 or 5.56 – produce less kinetic energy than other common rifle rounds. These factors, and a myriad of other variables, determine the type and severity of wounds inflicted by a gunshot. There is nothing exceptionally unique about the AR-15 or other semi-automatic firearms in this regard. Wallace explores these ballistics topics in great detail, noting that the “wound severity depends largely on the type and quantity of tissue disruption, which in turn depend on the location of the bullet strike.

Claims to the contrary from gun control advocates or even physician

advocates, Wallace argues, are based on emotion or myths and some such testimony has been directly contradicted by the facts.

A magazine of a certain capacity does not make an AR-15 or any firearm any more powerful or fire any faster. Most full-size handguns come with magazines that hold 15 or more rounds and are capable of taking magazines with even greater capacities. In other words, the term “high-capacity” is a misnomer; these are common magazines. Wallace cites research that estimates more than 100 million magazines that can hold more than 10 rounds in circulation and cites Gary Kleck’s research that found that larger-capacity magazines do not produce more lethal outcomes in mass shootings.

Wallace goes into significantly more depth on these topics, but his point is constant: the semi-automatic firearms targeted by “assault weapon” bans are no more lethal than any other rifle.

Wallace injects facts into a debate driven by emotion and ignorance, and demonstrates that semi-automatic rifles are not uniquely lethal firearms that warrant special restrictions.

But that is precisely what Biden wants to do.

Imagine this, if you dare: Joe Biden is inaugurated President of the Unit-

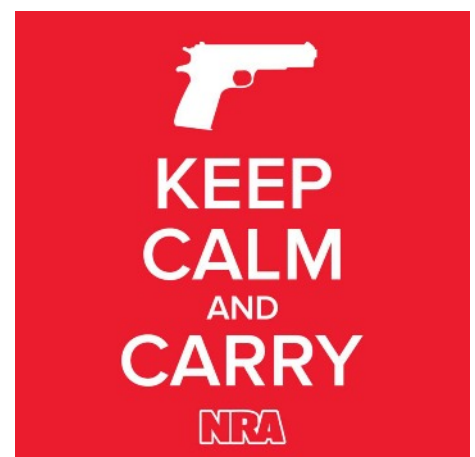
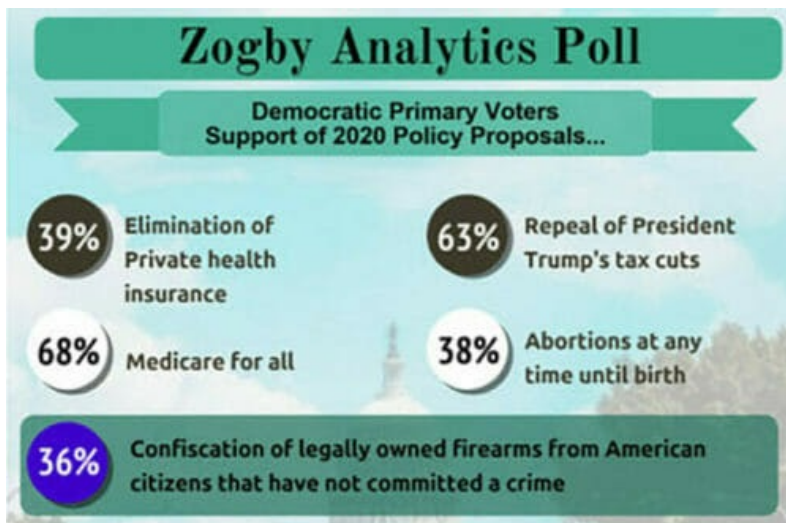
ed States. He and Vice President Kamala Harris force law-abiding gun owners to either surrender their lawfully acquired firearms or pay a punitive tax to keep (and register) their own property. What do you think happens when crime is not impacted (since rifles are rarely used in crime)?

They’ll turn back to handguns. That’s been the gun control end game since the beginning. Biden has already admitted he does not consider the 2nd Amendment to be an individual right, in direct contradiction to the Supreme Court decision that affirmed that exact status.

What do you think will happen if Biden gets a chance to fulfill the dreams of Michael Bloomberg and Beto O’Rourke?

What happens if Biden gets a chance to appoint justices to the Supreme Court?

That’s what’s at stake this November. None of the facts presented by Wallace matter to gun grabbers. They want your guns – and they plan to start with semi-automatic rifles.



Online Resources for Shooters

Guns & Accessories

Bass Pro Shop – <https://www.basspro.com/shop/en>
Big 5 Sporting Goods – <http://big5sportinggoods.com/store/>
Black Hills Shooters Supply - <http://www.bhshooters.com>
Brownells - <http://www.brownells.com>
Buffalo Arms Co. - <http://www.buffaloarms.com>
Cabela's – <https://www.cabelas.com>
Cave Armor Gun Safes – <http://cavearmor.com/>
CDNN Sports – <https://www.cdnnsports.com/>
Cheaper Than Dirt – <https://www.cheaperthandirt.com/>
Dixie Gun Works - <http://www.dixiegunworks.com>
Fix-It-Sticks Tools – <https://store.fixitsticks.com/>
Grab-A-Gun Gun Sales – <http://grabaqun.com>
Graf & Sons, Inc. - <http://www.grafs.com>
Gun Broker – <https://www.gunbroker.com/>
Gun Mag Warehouse - <https://gunmagwarehouse.com>
Guns.com (gun sales + newsletter) – <http://guns.com>
MidwayUSA – <http://midwayusa.com>
Natchez Shooting Supplies – <http://natchezss.com>
Northwoods Shooting Sports – <http://www.northwoodshootingssports.com/>
Ohio Ordnance Works - <http://www.ohioordnanceworks.com>
Palmetto State Armory - <http://www.palmettostatearmory.com>
Prolix - <http://www.prolixlubricant.com>
Sinclair International, Inc. - <http://www.sinclairintl.com>
Smith & Alexander - <http://www.smithandalexander.com>
Sportsman's Guide – <https://www.sportsmansguide.com/>
Sportsman's Warehouse – <https://www.sportsmans.com/>
The Shooter's Box – <http://www.theshootersbox.com/>
Target Barn – <https://www.targetbarn.com/>
The Gear Hunt – <https://thegearhunt.com>

Gun Parts

Bravo Company USA - <http://www.bravocompanyusa.com>
BuyMilSurp - <http://www.buymilsurp.com>
Huber Concepts - <http://www.huberconcepts.com>
Mag-Na-Port Intl. - <http://www.magnaport.com>
Military Gun Supply - <http://www.militarygunsupply.com>
Pacific Canvas & Leather - <http://pacificcanvasandleather.com>
RTG Parts - <http://www.robertrtg.com>
Sarco, Inc. - <http://www.sarcoinc.com>
Springfield Sporters, Inc. - <http://www.sporters.com>
TG International - <http://www.tguns.com>
VTI Replica Gun Parts - <http://www.vtgunparts.com>

Grips & Gun Stocks

Alumagrips - <http://www.alumagrips.com>
Altamont Co. - <http://www.altamontco.com>
Boyd's Gunstock Industries - <http://www.boydsgunstocks.com>
Donson Products - <http://www.dsplaser.com>
Eagle Grips - <http://www.eaglegrips.com>
Gunstock Blanks - <http://www.gunstockblanks.com>
Herrett's Stocks - <http://www.herrett-stocks.com>
Hogue - <http://www.getgrip.com>

Jack First Gun Shop - <http://www.jackfirstgun.com>
Nill-Grips - <http://www.nill-grips.com>
Numrich Gun Parts - <http://www.gunpartscorp.com>
Pachmayr - <http://www.pachmayr.com>
Pearce Grip - <http://www.pearcegrip.com>
Tiger-Hunt - <http://www.gunstockwood.com>
Wicked Grips - <http://www.wickedgrips.com>

Manufacturers

Beretta USA – <http://www.beretta.com/en-us/>
Bersa – Eagle Imports – <https://bersa.eagleimportsinc.com/>
Browning North America – <https://www.browning.com/>
Bushmaster Firearms – <https://www.bushmaster.com/>
Colt Manufacturing – <https://colt.com/>
Christianson Arms - <https://christensenarms.com>
CVA – <https://cva.com/>
CZ-USA – <https://cz-usa.com/>
Glock USA – <https://us.glock.com/en>
HK – Heckler & Koch USA – <https://hk-usa.com/>
Henry Repeating Arms – <https://www.henryusa.com/>
Kahr Arms – <https://www.kahr.com/>
Kimber America – <https://www.kimberamerica.com/>
Marlin Firearms – <https://www.marlinfirearms.com/>
Mossberg – <https://www.mossberg.com/>
Remington Arms – <https://www.remington.com/>
Ruger Firearms – <https://ruger.com/>
Savage Arms – <https://savagearms.com/>
Sig Sauer – <https://www.sigsauer.com>
Smith & Wesson – <https://www.smith-wesson.com/>
Springfield Armory – <https://www.springfield-armory.com/>
Taurus USA – <https://www.taurususa.com>
Thompson/Center – <https://www.tcarms.com/firearms>

Newsletters and Publications

A&J Arms Booksellers - <http://ajarmsbooksellers.com>
AR-15 Newsletter - <http://ar15.com>
Art of the Rifle - <https://artoftherifle.com/>
Accurate Shooter – <http://accurateshooter.com>
Ammoland News Aggregator – <http://www.ammoland.com>
Avalon Forge - <http://www.avalonforge.com>
Bev Fitchett - <https://www.bevfitchett.us>
Blue Book Publications - <http://www.bluebookinc.com>
Chuck Hawks - <http://www.chuckhawks.com>
Everyday Marksman – <http://everydaymarksman.co>
FMG Publications - <http://www.fmgpublications.com>
F+W Publications - <http://fandwpublications.com>
Gun Digest – <http://gundigest.com>
Gun News Daily – <https://gunnewsdaily.com/>
Guns America – <http://gunsamerica.com>
Gun Pros - <https://gunpros.com>
Hunting Wire - <http://www.huntingwire.com>
IDSA Books - <http://idsabooks.com>
K-Var – <http://k-var.com>
Mowbray Publishing - <http://www.manalarmsbooks.com>
My Gun Culture – <http://mygunculture.com>
North Cape Publications - <http://www.northcapepubs.com>
Pew Tactical – <http://pewpewtactical.com>

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Recoil Magazine (from Gun Digest) - <http://www.recoilweb.com>
Recoil OffGrid Magazine - <https://www.offgridweb.com>
Rifle Craft - <https://www.rifle-craft.com>
Schiffer Publishing - <http://www.schifferbooks.com>
Skyhorse Publishing - <http://www.skyhorsepublishing.com>
Tactical Hyve - <https://tacticalhyve.com/>

Organizations/Clubs

Ben Lomond Gun Club, Elbert County, Colorado – <https://www.blgc.org/>
Buffalo Creek Gun Club, Bailey, Colorado – <https://www.bcgc.com/>
Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) – <http://cmp.org>
Colorado Gun Collectors Association(CGCA) – <http://www.cgca.com/>
Colorado Firearms Safety Coalition - <http://coloradofirearmsafetycoalition.org>
Colorado State Shooting Association (CSSA) – <http://www.cssa.org>
Concealed Nation – <http://concealednation.org>
Firearms Coalition - <https://firearmscoalition.org/>
Gun Owners of America (GOA) – <http://www.gunowners.org>
National Association for Gun Rights (NAGR) – <https://nationalgunrights.org/>
National Rifle Association (NRA) – <http://nramedia.org>
National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) – <http://nssf.org>
Rocky Mountain Gun Owners (RMGO) – <https://rmgo.org/>
Texas State Rifle Association (TSRA) – <https://tsra.com/>
United States Concealed Carry Assn. (USCCA) – <http://uscca.org>
USA Shooting Team – <https://www.usashooting.org/>

Politics/Gun Control

Colorado General Assembly – <http://leg.colorado.gov>
Contact Your Elected Officials - <https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials/>

Gun Control and Second Amendment Issues

Arbalest Quarrel - <http://www.arbalestquarrel.com>
Crime Prevention Research Center - Dr. John Lott, Ph.D. - <http://www.crimeresearch.org>
Handgun Law USA – <http://www.handgunlaw.us/>
NRA Institute for Legal Action (NRA-ILA) – <https://www.nraila.org/>
Second Amendment Foundation - <http://www.saf.org>
2nd Amendment Learning Guide – <https://www.daytonohlawyer.com/blog/2018/10/2nd-amendment-learning-guide/>

Prepping/Survival Skills

Archery Guide - <http://www.completeguidetoarchery.com>
Survival Still – <http://survivalstill.com>

Shows/Exhibitions

Colorado Gun Collectors Assn. – <http://www.cgca.com>
Tanner Gun Show – <http://tannergunshow.com>

Social Media/Podcasts

Down Range Radio – <http://www.downrange.tv/blog/category/down-range-radio/>
Guns and Ham/Amateur Radio – <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1101562313308836/>
Gun Talk Media – <https://guntalk.com/>
The Gun Nation Podcast – <http://www.gunnation.us/>

Airguns

Airsoft Station Guide for Scouts BSA shooting programs – <https://www.airsoftstation.com/content/resources/boy-scout-airsoft-rifle-safety-information.html>
<https://airgunstation.com/resources/all-about-air-guns/>
American Airguns – <http://www.airguns.net/index.php>
Get Airsoft Gun Blog - <https://getairsoftgun.com/>

Ammunition

Ammo.com – <https://ammo.com/>
Ammo For Sale – <http://https://www.ammoforsale.com/>
Ammo To Go – <https://www.ammunitiontogo.com/>
ASYM Precision Ammunition - <http://asymammo.com>
Barnes Bullets - <http://barnesbullets.com>
Black Hills Ammunition - <http://www.black-hills.com>
CCI - <http://www.cci-ammunition.com>
Corbon Dakota Ammo, Inc. - <http://www.corbon.com>
Doubletap Ammunition - <http://doubletapammo.com>
Federal Cartridge Co. - <http://federalpremium.com>
FIOCCHI Ammunition - <http://fiocchiusa.com>
Hornady - <http://www.hornady.com>
Missouri Bullets - <http://missouribullet.com>
Montana Bullet Works - <http://montanabulletworks.com>
PMC Ammunition - <http://pmcammo.com>
Remington Arms - <http://www.remington.com>
Sierra Bullets - <http://sierrabullets.com>
Wilson Combat - <http://www.wilsoncombat.com>
Winchester Ammunition - <http://www.winchester.com>

Reloading

Boomers Bullet Moulds - <http://boomersmoulds.com>
C&H/4D Dies - <http://www.ch4d.com>
Colorado Brass – <http://www.coloradooncefiredbrass.com>
Forster Products - <http://forsterproducts.com>

How to Reload Ammo: Basic Equipment –

<https://www.ammoland.com/2012/09/how-to-reload-ammunition/#axzz2jgtuZpZs>
Graf & Sons Reloading - <http://grafs.com>
Huntingdon Die Specialties - <http://www.huntingtons.com>
Lee Precision - <http://leeprecision.com>

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Lyman Products - <http://lymanproducts.com>
M.D. Smith's Reloading - <http://www.reloadammo.com/>
Precision Reloading - <http://www.precisionreloading.com>
Products for the Beginning Reloader -
<https://www.midwayusa.com/how-to-guides/beginning-reloader>
RCBS - <http://www.rcbs.com>
Redding Reloading Equipment - <http://redding-reloading.com>
Reloading Your Own Ammo -
<https://www.gunsamerica.com/digest/how-to-get-started-reloading-ammunition/>
Smartreloader Products - <http://www.smartreloader-usa.com>
Starline Brass - <http://www.starlinebrass.com>
Speer Ammo - <http://www.speer-bullets.com>
Top Brass - <http://www.topbrass-inc.com>
Widener's Reloading & Shooting Supply - <http://wideners.com>
X-Reload - <http://x-reload.com>

Bullseye/Action Shooting

The Encyclopedia of Bullseye Pistol -
<http://www.bullseyepistol.com/>
NRA Competition Rules (rev. 2018) -
<https://compete.nra.org/documents/pdf/compete/RuleBooks/Pistol/pistol-book.pdf>
NRA Precision Pistol Competition -
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NRA_Precision_Pistol

Black Powder Guns

Beauchamp & Son Flintlocks etc. - <http://www.flintlocksetc.com>
Dixie Gun Works - <http://www.dixiegunworks.com>
Navy Arms - <http://www.navyarms.com>
S&S Firearms - <http://www.ssfirearms.com>
Traditions Performance - <http://www.traditionsfirearms.com>

Gun Safety

NRA Eddie Eagle Program for Primary-3rd Grade -
<https://eddieeagle.nra.org/information-for-parents.asp>
NRA Refuse To Be A Victim Promotional Video -
<https://rtbav.nra.org/promotional-video.aspx>
Youth Gun Safety - <https://ammo.com/articles/parents-guide-to-gun-safety>

Gunsmithing

American Gunsmithing - Training Courses -
<http://americangunsmith.com>
Colorado School of Trades - <http://schooloftrades.edu>

Do-It-Yourself

Accurate Shooter -
<http://bulletin accurateshooter.com/2008/12/gunsmithing-reference-articles-for-home-smiths/>
Checkering the 1911 Frontstrap - Steve Locatelli, CCGC -
<http://cherrycreekgunclub.org/skills/documents/CHECKERING%20THE%201911%20FRONTSTRAP-wpf.htm>

Maintenance/Cleaning

BING Search - Gun Maintenance Videos -
<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=gun+maintenance&qpv=gun+maintenance&FORM=VDRE>

Scopes/Optics

E. Arthur Brown Co. - How to Choose a Hunting Rifle Scope -
<https://www.eabco.com/Reports/report01.html>
Nikon Spot On Scopes -
<http://spoton.nikonssportoptics.com/spoton/spoton.html#Index:4>
On Target Enterprises LLC - How to Use a Scope -
<http://www.ontargetcfl.com/howtoscope.html>
US Optics - Practical Long-Range Rifle Shooting -
<http://demigodllc.com/articles/practical-long-range-rifle-shooting-optics/?p=1>

Training/Techniques

Able Shepard Training - <https://ableshepherd.com/>
Colorado Parks & Wildlife - Hunter Education -
<https://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/HunterEducation.aspx>
Family Shooting Center, Cherry Creek State Park -
<http://www.familyshootingcenter.com/>
Foothills Firearm Instruction - Brett Denison, CCGC -
<http://www.foothillsfirearminstruction.com/>
Law Enforcement Services LLC - Basic Pistol Shooting Techniques -
<http://www.lawenforcementservices.biz/Web%20Page%20Graphics/Basic%20Pistol%20Shooting%20Techniques.pdf>

Home Security

<https://reviews.thedenverchannel.com/home-security-systems-denver/>
<https://www.militaryhomesearch.com/home-security-guide.php>
<https://www.safety.com/best-home-security-systems/>

