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# New Mexico Shooting News

## Presidents Input By Anthony Trennel President, NMSSA

Quite a bit of work has been accomplished thus far including the development and distribution of our newsletter, revision and expansion of our website, an executive board meeting, some changes in executive positions and an additional position along with a change of terminology for Fun Shoot Coordinator to Recruitment Coordinator.

Dean Armstrong, Editor-Webmaster has come up with several ideas to enhance our association. Some of which you see in the newsletter, new columns, advertising and layout. Other subjects we are working include member patches beyond what we have now for certain activities and/or longevity. The website, NMSSA.ORG has been overhauled and enhanced to include better navigation and more timely informative information. It will include a Members Only section for special or timely information/action.

This newsletter will be the last one that will be sent to members as print. Since nearly everyone has access to the internet we will post the newsletter on our website. This will save the association much needed funds, some of which will continue to go to printed newsletters that will be distributed at gun shows, gun shops and at other associated sporting events. If you prefer a printed copy to be mailed please let the Editor know and we will send them for a small fee to cover the mailing.

We are making these changes to better get our messages out as well as increase our recognition among sportspersons. In the past most if not all articles were submitted by executive members. That certainly is appreciated, but I know we have among the membership experts in certain areas, successful hunters, various target type and action shooters, political activity followers and so forth. We would like to see article inputs from all members as well as any criticism,

either positive or negative on both the newsletter and website. In addition if any member knows of a business or activity with potential to advertise on the web or newsletter please refers them to the Editor.

Our Executive Meeting held on 10 July 2010 at Karma Whelchel's office had the following in Attendance: Charlie Weisleder, Paul Lisle, Bill Swantner, Rodney Keith, Karma & Bob Whelchel, Dean Armstrong and Tony Trennel.

Finances we discussed included CD Change of investment Basically the group was against use of principal now, however Bill Swantner and Karma will look at life member fees, sliding scale and possible use of certain principal to compensate for life member fees being "locked up". All present CD's expire in Dec and their rate of return is pitiful. We want to look at more fruitful, conservative investments. This will be discussed for action at the annual meeting. Advertising, cost per type (strip, 1/2 pg, full pg) per year (4 issues) and/or discount for members; will be worked by Dean and Tony then approach gun stores and individuals to sell space. Raffle gun(s) for annual meeting at ticket pricing of \$2 or 3 for \$5. Karma will develop tickets as commercial tickets are expensive. Block grants, although the Aug 2, 2010 deadline has passed the grant handbook is on our website in PDF form. It will still be useful if you want to do a grant for next year as the form is not likely to change much. You can copy forms from that source. As new material becomes available it will be upgraded. Karma mentioned she will put in for a regular grant used for operations, newsletter, website etc.

Shooting/Sporting Events included a Mail-In shoot via email and website with an exec or member to score and keep track and perhaps have as prizes various shoulder patches designating accomplishment. Dean has previously developed a few sample shoulder patch designs for this and other purposes. Continued on page 8

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# A CALL TO ARMS

By Paul C. Lisle

It is very disappointing that only 28% of the registered voters in the June election voted. We need to do much better come November. In both the House and Senate in Santa Fe, all Republicans and many Democrats are pro Second Amendment and pro concealed carry. A few of the committee chairman and top leaders are the one's that are anti-gun and try to kill our pro-gun bills. We need to elect pro-Second Amendment Senators and Representatives. We desperately need to elect a pro-gun Governor that will sign the pro-gun bills that get to her desk. Pro-gun candidates for many offices throughout the state, like county and city commissioners, judges and sheriffs need to be elected. We can not get these pro-gun candidates elected unless we all vote. Every eligible person in the state of New Mexico who owns a gun needs to vote. By not voting they are in danger of loosing their gun rights. We have a committee that is headed by our NRA representative, Tara Mica, who will be rating these candidates. We base our ratings on how these candidates support or don't support our gun rights. Although we might not be rating some of these races like city and county commissioners as there are too many different races, I highly recommend that every gun owner and Second Amendment supporter obtain a copy of our ratings and take it to the poles with them. Voters need to find out which candidates that we do not rate are pro-gun.

The Supreme Court ruling in McDonald v. Chicago was as we expected and extended the restrains of the

government's ability to limit "the right to keep and bear arms" to cities and states. This included the rights of an individual to possess guns, at least for purposes of self-defense in the home. What was shocking and very scary was that four Supreme Court Justices, Breyer, Sotomayor, Ginsburg and Stevens voted against individuals gun rights. In a strongly worded minority dissent these four justices urged that Heller be overruled and declared, "In sum, the Framers did not write the Second Amendment in order to protect a private right of armed self defense". Justice Sotomayor testified to the Senate and the American people, during her conformation hearing last summer, that "I understand the individual right fully that the Supreme Court recognized in Heller. And, "I understand how important the right to bear arms is to many, many, many Americans". Sen. Mark Udall, Colorado Democrat, said "Sotomayor told him during a private meeting that she considers the 2008 ruling that struck down the Washington, D.C., handgun ban as settled law that would guide her decisions in future cases". It appears that Justice Sotomayor lied to the Senate, Sen. Mark Udall and the American people during her confirmation hearings last summer. President Obama's choice of Elena Kagan to replace Justice Stevens could be worst for gun owners then the Sotomayor appointment. When Kagan was working for President Clinton, she took the lead in writing the assault weapon ban that became law for ten years. Kagan has never been a judge in any court and to appoint her to be a judge in the country's highest court is ludicrous. To the NRA's credit, they have voiced their strong opposition to the Kagan appointment and said they will withhold

funds from any Senator voting for Kagan. By the time you read this, Kagan will probably be confirmed by the very liberal Senate as a Supreme Court Justice and Kagan is definitely anti-Second Amendment. It is apparent that President Obama and the anti-gun Democrats, by appointing young anti-gunners to the Supreme Court, will wait until a pro-gun Justice retires and will be replaced by a liberal Democratic President. At that time the anti-gun liberals could have a 5 to 4 majority and can repeal both Heller and McDonald thereby taking away our Second Amendment rights. I am glad that I will not live to see that day come. Meanwhile, the Chicago City Commission has passed another gun control law by 45 to 0 that, along with many other restrictions, would make it illegal for homeowners to walk from their house to their porch with a gun. This will lead to another series of lawsuits that will end in the Supreme Court. It appears that our battle to keep our guns will never end until the anti-gunners finally take our guns away or we do away with them.

"The nearest thing to eternal life we will ever see on this earth is a government program." Ronald Reagan

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# Arms Control – People Control

By **Tony Trennel**

The control of arms was probably practiced by many groups, tribes and governments during prehistory. In some tribes it was a part of culture, fighters and braves had arms others did not. Perhaps, control came about by scarcity as atlatls, bows, knives and so forth required much effort to find materials and to construct. These things were also status symbols so elites had them or perhaps better versions. I am just speculating here but at some time in the past arms control meant keeping power.

In England in the 16 hundreds King Charles Stuart II witnessed his father's beheading and his kingdom ruined. Later Charles II was restored as King of England, Ireland and Scotland. He then disarmed the army and others that were a threat to his kingdom through various arms/gun control laws including "registration" where gun makers had to list guns made and furthermore people who were unqualified to hunt were denied firearms (guess who were qualified to hunt on the king's lands).

Circa 1776; Redcoats were marching on Concord and Bunker Hill with the intent of disarming Colonists or more appropriately Subjects of the British Monarchy. The English previously made laws to deny powder and many other laws that upset Colonists. Perhaps this is the first attempt at arms control over a large populace and it is what led to the creation of our United Colonies later termed United States. Arms control meaning confiscation of cannons, firearms and the powder needed for their use. Some historians believe that the intent of the British command was relayed to the Colonists by the wife (New Jersey born) of British General Gage. She was sent to Britain shortly afterward. It is believed her identity was kept secret by the Founders to protect her. So the threat of arms control triggered the birth of our country and yet today more than 200 years later there are people who believe that arms control is necessary, usually

and piously reasoned for safety, security or other high minded purpose. For example, if you look at what occurred during the 19th and 20th Centuries that is just wishful thinking and denial of facts.

There is a long list of genocides perpetrated by governments and many practiced gun control prior to the killings. Ottoman Turkey, 1915/17 killed off over a million Armenians, the Soviet Union destroyed 20 million people from 1925/45, and Nazi Germany (and occupied areas) meant another 20 million deaths. Nationalist China, 1927/49 10 million, Red China over periods from 1949/76 20 to 35 million people killed, Guatemala 1960/81 up to 200,000 killed. Cambodia 1975/80 2 million wiped out and the infamous Rwanda massacre of 800,000 Tutsi People in 1994. Other killings sponsored by governments or their henchmen occurred in many regions perhaps smaller in scope. Note that many of these genocides occurred from the time the United Nations (UN) was formed. This world body some feel is high-minded yet it is filled with countries that have absolute control over their people and many practice arms control; it is a body that many times fails to act and further is layered with sloth and corruption.

The NRA/ILA stated that on July 9, 2010 the US State Department announced its support for the United Nations' "International Small Arms Destruction Day". Secretary of State Hillary Clinton calls this an ongoing effort to support "The Rule of Law around the World". This is notable in that the UN is made up of many countries that practice gun control and the woman some say hopes to run for President just gushes sometimes on how important the UN is. This is a woman that uttered the Oath of Office to Protect and Defend the Constitution against all Enemies, Foreign and Domestic. Recently the State Department under Clinton went to the UN to file Human Rights violations against Arizona, a state trying to protect itself against a foreign armed invasion as the Federal government will not enforce certain laws related to immigration and it ignores the invasion. Keep this in mind for the future as she and many Socialists like

her will drive for UN control and a world government.

Another US Government program you must pay attention to is the Obama Health Care (?) package. Some feel it could contain gun control via denial of insurance to gun owners, listing gun sports such as hunting as dangerous and expensive. Look at how the government has denied some Veterans gun rights because of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and perhaps for other reasons. These medical associated "reasons" could easily be expanded to capture virtually the entire civilian populace one way or another. I look at these efforts as end runs around the Constitution. Some have been tried already; recall the attempted removal of ORMD (consumer shipping quantities) from the transportation regulations that would have meant no ammo, powder and so forth could be shipped to consumers and recently the EPA attempt to restrict lead in ammunition even though they were prohibited from such action by the Toxic Materials Act where Congress specifically excluded ammunition.

I decided to write this as a brief overview with the intent of encouraging our members to be aware of what is going on in government even if it seems it doesn't pertain to gun control. For instance, another area to pay attention to is the land grabs going on in Washington. They candy coat the titles but in many cases the restrictions to hunting, travel and so forth is in the details.

## 2010 NM state silhouette championships

By **Ron Stryker**  
**Silhouette Director**

The 2010 NM state silhouette championships held at the NRA Whittington center Aug. 6-9 were the best attended in recent years. More bodies were there but they shot less total guns. It's funny how things work out. Contributing to the success was 8 shooters from the continent down under making this a truly international event. Mick Hutton is the New Mexico state champion in small-bore cowboy rifle & pistol cartridge lever action. Probably the first time an Aussie has won those titles. Mick hails from the "outback" & tells us he is a tour guide that among other things means he can go 30 days & not see another human being. Beadell tours Salisbury, South Australia I believe is his operation. This was a wonderful gregarious group that we enjoyed seeing & hope to see more of. These were the top 8 shooters from all of Australia. Megan Taylor a sub junior from Texas set a new national record by shooting 18 in a row pigs in small-bore cowboy rifle taking her on to the win in the nationals in that event (sub jr. category) Brother Nathan won the CLA & pistol cartridge lever action nationals. (sub jr. category) Another jr. from TX. Dylan Lee really cleaned up winning the High junior award in all 3 cowboy rifle events & also hunter pistol & small-bore hunter pistol. High junior winner gets a free entry into the next national championship in those events.

Great shooting by these young people, we are looking forward to seeing more of them. Eric Sundstrom shot 15 turkeys in a row with his small-bore cowboy rifle. Any other competitor will tell you this is a difficult feat. Robert Massey shot 10 in a row rams also in small-bore cowboy rifle & completed his grand slam. The NRA silhouette department tells us that shooting a grand slam is the same degree of difficulty as shooting a 2650 in bullseye pistol. (2700). John King a local rancher was seen hobbling around during our event & managed to shoot all 7 guns. John was guilty of roping a calf off his atv & it got tipped over on top of him severely damaging a hip. He is a tough old bird! CLA was won by Brian Wakefield of Pa., PCCLA & SBCR was won by Mick Hutton, Hunter pistol was won by Marly's Duchene of AZ. Hunter pistol metallic sighs won by Al Leggett of Tx. Smallbore hunter pistol won by Dylan Lee of Tx. Smallbore hunter pistol metallic sighs won by Glenda Graves. The Iron man (7 gun agg) won by Rex Ward of Santa Fe. The 2011 NM state silhouette championships will be held at the NRAWC June 29, 30 & July 1, & 2. There will be one day of practice after this event & then the cowboy lever action nationals will start on the same ranges. It's the perfect tune up match. Come join us, entry forms are now available. NRAWC Founders appreciation days are always over the Labor Day weekend. There's lots of good stuff always going on. This year the

Brownell cabin was renovated into 2 suites that are on a par with the best motel in town. They are truly great you will need to make your reservations very early. Also dedicated was the Hollywood cowboy who is positioned immediately behind the flags at the entrance. Also there over the weekend but not sure how long it will be there is a rifle that was believed to be picked up at the little big horn following Custer's last stand. It was later reclaimed by the white man at the battle of Wounded Knee. A 10 page article by owner Larry Nirenberg on this Winchester 1866 saddle ring carbine is available also. A scabbard made to fit this rifle in a style of 1880's with beading to match also in a style of the high plains Indians. It is wonderful to see & authentic looking. These were done by Glenda Graves a master beader/craftsman whose work can also be seen for sale in the store. She is a very talented artisan as well as the best woman hunter pistol/cowboy rifle shot in the country. The Brownell Museum of the southwest is world class & guns etc. are on a rotating basis. I notice a couple of cannons in the museum that were recent additions. The Bud & Willa Eyman reference library is also growing. Full info is available at [nrawc.org](http://nrawc.org).

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### **Right to Bear Arms is Guaranteed; Must Be Protected**

**By: Steve Pearce**

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National Rifle Association Member, I concur wholeheartedly.

All of my adult life, I have been a gun owner, and I believe that a citizen has the right to life, liberty and property, to paraphrase John Locke. With the right to property comes the right to defend that property, as well as the lives and liberty of those who own it. In my mind, the right to defend oneself and one's property is as important as any other right guaranteed by the Constitution. The Second Amendment guarantees this right.

We currently live in an environment where the federal government constantly encroaches upon our rights to life, liberty and property. Whether through confiscatory tax policies, the gradual disarming of the citizens, or denying ranchers water rights accorded to their ancestors, Washington has overstepped its bounds for far too long. It is time for the people to stand up, and demand the rights our founders inscribed in that sacred document.

Clubs such as the New Mexico Shooting Sports Association and the NRA play an integral role in the defense of these rights. By teaching people at all levels how

to properly use and maintain firearms, the New Mexico Shooting Sports Association is promoting the importance of self-defense and, just as importantly, gun safety to people of all ages. Allowing groups such as yours to continue this tradition is indispensable to the survival of freedom.

The debate over the Second Amendment has raged throughout America for many years. It is a hot-button issue that affects us all, whether or not we choose to own a firearm. The one thing we must keep in mind regarding this issue is the fact that right to keep and bear arms is an inherent right guaranteed in the Constitution, and I will do everything within my power to keep it that way.

Steve Pearce is a decorated Vietnam combat veteran, a former Congressman from New Mexico's 2nd District, and the Republican nominee for the 2nd congressional district in the November election. He lives in Hobbs with his wife, Cynthia.

June 28, 2010 will be considered one of the great days for liberty in this country. In a 5-4 decision issued that day, the US Supreme Court ruled in the McDonald v. Chicago case that the right to keep and bear arms was a fundamental right, and that gun control laws at the state and local level must comply with the US Constitution.

I firmly believe that onerous gun control laws, such as the ones overturned by this court decision, simply put law-abiding citizens at a disadvantage against criminals and marauders. As Thomas Jefferson once wrote, "Laws that forbid the carrying of arms disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes." In fact, if you look at history, every one of the Founding Fathers viewed the Second Amendment as a fundamental right for all Americans. And as a veteran, gun owner and

## **A Footnote in Politics**

50 years ago on Nov 1st 1960, President Eisenhower said that the United States would "take whatever steps are necessary" to defend the Guantanamo Naval Base in Cuba, "because of its importance to the defense of the entire hemisphere"

*"Chronology November 1960", The World Almanac and book of facts, 1961 (New York World-Telegram, 1960), pp185-192*



## Tom Mullins Candidate for U.S. House of Representatives, District 3

My name is Tom Mullins, a conservative candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives, District 3, which encompasses 16 of New Mexico's 33 counties, principally Northern and Eastern New Mexico. I am a professional engineer and small business owner, who works in the oil and natural gas industry. I have lived in Farmington for about 20 years. I have never served in elected office, but would like to work for you in Washington, DC as your next Congressman. Detailed information about my stance on many important issues can be found on my website: [www.mullinsforcongress.com](http://www.mullinsforcongress.com)

My father served in the Army for 22 years, including combat service in Vietnam and Korea, but he never taught me about firearms. I purchased my first firearm about 20 years ago,

when I moved to Farmington, and have learned to safely handle guns since then. I enjoy shooting primarily pistols, but I own and shoot several long guns. I have taken my two young daughters out to the shooting range and have supported the NRA's Eddie the Eagle educational program. I have been an NRA member for 12 years and hold a New Mexico Concealed Carry License. I have been elk hunting one time, but have been bird hunting several times along the San Juan River. I will be a solid supporter of your right to possess and use your firearms as clearly detailed in the Constitution of the United States.

Politicians and regulators in Washington continue to propose new restrictions upon law abiding gun owners. These restrictions range from ammunition restrictions to usage, registration, and possession limits. I will support hunters, anglers, and recreational shooters access to our public lands and the use and creation of new shooting range opportunities. New Mexicans are fed up with regulations prohibiting traditional usage of public lands, and we must have representatives in Washington who will support your responsible access and use of our land. Generations of New Mexicans have been quality land stewards, and to have non-elected govern-

mental bureaucrats impose new limitations daily on your use of public land is unwarranted. My job as your Congressman will be to hold the Federal Government accountable to you at the Executive and administrative level. Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely. I will be the check and balance on the unrestrained authority of the Federal Government. I look forward to returning common sense to our laws, their regulation, and enforcement, while reducing Federal Government spending, and protecting the Constitution of the United States.

I am running for Congress because we must correct the course that our nation is traveling in. I do not want to be another politician, I simply want to listen to you, and become your representative who speaks with common sense for you and with a clear voice in Washington. You hold the power with your vote. You have an important choice in this November election, whether to return a ruling class politician who limits your rights, or to elect a member of the working class who understands that the real power lies with the people and with God.

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**About this forum.** It was established so that candidates may introduce themselves and elaborate on important issues specifically relating to our readers.

Introductions should include but are not limited to issues relating to the Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, gun owner rights, the rights to protect yourself and your property, the rights of shooting ranges to exist and operate, etc.

All parties and candidates are welcome to participate in the forum. The goal of this forum is not to take a side, but to provide our readers with informative information.

Any response provided will remain unedited as long as it does not contain foul language. The editor retains the right not to post any responses deemed uncivil or irrelevant to the readers. Responses will also be posted in the order in which they are received.

Responses must be limited to 1000 words or less and can include a photograph of the candidate and a pertinent web link.

"Letters to the editor" asking questions of the candidates are welcome, but we cannot guarantee a response.



### New Mexico Votes

**October 5, 2010** – Voter Registration Closes at 5:00 p.m. Absentee Voting for the General Election Begins

**October 11, 2010** – 2nd General Election Campaign Finance Report Due

**October 16, 2010** – Early In-Person Voting Begins Alternate Sites

**October 30, 2010** – Early In-Person/Absentee Voting Ends

**November 2, 2010** - ELECTION DAY

Presidents Input Continued ...

Subsequently I thought a standard 25 yard target could be used for Rifle, Pistol and Muzzleloader Rifle. Scoring would be the closest edge of a bullet hole to the center of the target bull's-eye plus the radius of the bullet. For instance a .22 and .45 both touching the same ring would score the .22 as winner since the center of that bullet is closer to the bull's-eye. Other Shoots CMP, clays, machine gun outing and so forth were mentioned. Legislators shoot has been set for Jan 8, 2011 at Calibers (see website for information on this). Annual reports for NRA, CMP and others if needed will be determined at the annual meeting. Election Newsletter Issue was addressed and Tara Mica, our NRA/ILA state coordinator is gearing this up to happen soon. The NRA endorsement process was also discussed and the importance of coordinating with NRA was stressed. Member recognition, Member of the Year, or should it be members? One member and one exec? This is still under review and should be addressed to the membership at the annual meeting. Dean suggested recognition by a special shoulder patch. Annual Meeting is to be held at the Elks Club in Rio Rancho on 15 January starting at 9am.

The club puts on a good breakfast prior and they appreciate our business. Details as to speakers, raffle, member flea sale and so forth will be posted on our website. There is a need for all execs to turn in a brief written report of the year's activities and future planning. This is necessary for continuity, historical and future purposes and we will publish the reports in the newsletter. Finally the members need to discuss what activities we should shoot for in 2011 and this and other items can only be firmed up by having a quorum consisting of at least 25 members. Hopefully more will show up to support and enhance our association.

This year's election is critical not only for your pocketbook but for the Second Amendment itself. Included herein is the grading that has been accomplished for New Mexico candidates. These grades are well thought out by people that have known and are aware of legislators voting tendencies. One criterion I use is whether or not a politician upholds his or her Oath of Office. Sheriff Joe Arpaio of Maricopa County, Arizona under fire from our own leftist federal Executive Branch puts it this way "I swore an oath to protect and defend the Constitutions of both the state of Arizona and the

United States. As long as the laws are on the books, I'm going to defend them unapologetically". Although no US senators are up for election in New Mexico this cycle it is well to keep this in mind when they do become eligible. Senators have the power to ratify (or not) treaties. Certain treaties such as the UN Small Arms Treaty directly violate the Second Amendment of the Constitution. A yes vote for ratification is in direct violation of the Oath of Office and as such you may consider voting accordingly.

At the annual meeting I want to discuss activities and executive meetings. I would like to see a meeting of members including an exec meeting at the Whittington Center with substantial and varied shooting events included. The center is a world class shooting facility with reasonable rates for accommodations. The Single Action Shooting Society Founders Ranch is another world class facility I would like to hold a meeting/shooting event at. Also, two other executive meetings could be held during the year, one north, and one south. We have a large state and we need to stage meetings equitably.

## FROM THE EAGLE'S NEST By Paul Rockhold

### Education and Training Eddie Eagle

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Brian Leavy, Bob Whelchel, Joe and Marge Conner, and the John Rockhold family were a great help at Bob Gerdings outdoor show. In June we renewed contacts with the NM State Police, Albq. PD, and attended the Santa Fe FD Safety Day. There will be

an Eddie Eagle table at the National Police Shooting Championships Sept 18-23, staffed by Eric and Jon from NRAHQ in Fairfax, Va. I'll again be on the Police Shotgun Range and helping EE during my off time. Eddie Eagle info is available at no charge for police, fire, schools etc. by calling 1-800-

231-0752. Also we are open for any and all volunteers. Eddie Eagle will be featured on a brown wrapper insert of the Albq. Journal during the Christmas Holidays. This is a no-charge community service of the paper.

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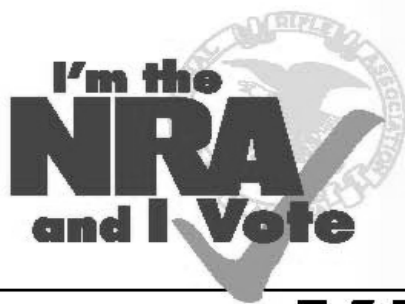
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## NEW MEXICO



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		<b>DISTRICT 33</b> (R) <b>Virginia Robertson</b> AQ (D) * <b>Joni Marie Gutierrez</b> F
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		<b>DISTRICT 35</b> (D) * <b>Antonio Lujan</b> F
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		<b>DISTRICT 37</b> (R) <b>Terry McMillan</b> AQ (D) * <b>Jeff Steinborn</b> A
		<b>DISTRICT 38</b> (R) * <b>Dianne Hamilton</b> A+
		<b>DISTRICT 39</b> (R) <b>Linda Pecotte</b> AQ (D) * <b>Rodolfo "Rudy" Martinez</b> A

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**Here's What the Ratings Mean:**

Ratings and endorsements are based solely on a candidate's support of our Right to Keep and Bear Arms, and do not take into consideration a candidate's position on other unrelated issues.

- A+** A legislator with not only an excellent voting record on all critical NRA issues, but who has also made a vigorous effort to promote and defend the Second Amendment.
- A** Solidly pro-gun candidate. A candidate who has supported NRA positions on key votes in elective office or a candidate with a demonstrated record of support on Second Amendment issues.
- AQ** A pro-gun candidate whose rating is based solely on the candidate's responses to the NRA-PVF Candidate Questionnaire and who does not have a voting record on Second Amendment issues.
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- ?** Refused to answer the NRA-PVF candidate questionnaire, often an indication of indifference, if not outright hostility, to gun owners' and sportsmen's rights.
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**NAMES IN BOLD ARE CANDIDATES ENDORSED BY THE NRA-PVF.**

Due to limited space, not all third-party and independent candidates are listed.

Shooting Park, Albuquerque NM  
May 29-30, 2010  
New Mexico State Prone Championship

State Champion	Virginia McLemore	3197-232
2 <sup>nd</sup> , Hi Sr	Doan Trevor	3135-136
1 <sup>st</sup> SS, Hi Jr	Carolina Gariss	3131-111
1 <sup>st</sup> Mk	Bruce Elsner	3077-102

Congratulations to, our new State Champion!!!! Thanks to Jim McLemore, Sid Gariss and TJ Chavez for scoring and running the line.

#### IRON SIGHTS

Name	Class	Dewar	Dewar Total	100 yd	100 yd total	50 m	50 m total	50 yd	50 yd total	total	place
Ginger McLemore	Ma	200-16 200-11	400-27 MW	200-16 199-16	399-32 MW	200-13 200-18	400-31 MW	199-16 200-13	399-29 MW	1598-119	MW
Doan Trevor	Ex-Sr	198-11 199-12	397-23	197-7 197-8	394-15	192-9 199-11	391-20	198-8 197-9	395-17	1577-75	Hi Sr
Lee Bowman	Ss-Sr	195-6 192-7	387-13	195-5 195-10	390-15	180-2 193-7	373-9	195-8 194-5	389-13	1539-50	
Carolina Gariss	Ss-Jr	198-9 197-5	395-14 1SS	195-4 196-9	391-13 1SS	194-6 196-10	390-16 1SS	198-11 194-5	392-16	1568-59	1SS 1Jr
Elizabeth Barteau	Ss-Jr	194-7 196-9	390-16	194-2 191-5	385-7	190-8 192-9	388-17	198-10 196-6	394-16 1SS	1557-56	
Bruce Elsner	Mk-Sr	190-5 194-3	384-8 1Mk	188-3 185-5	373-8 1Mk	189-5 187-5	376-10 1Mk	197-7 195-8	392-15 1Mk	1525-41	1Mk
Henry Pocock	Mk-Sr	191-6 182-4	373-10	183-3 188-5	371-8	184-2 185-8	369-10	191-6 190-7	381-13	1494-41	

#### ANY SIGHTS

Name	Class	Dewar	Dewar Total	100 yd	100 yd total	50 m	50 m total	50 yd	50 yd total	total	Agg
Ginger McLemore	Ma	200-18 200-13	400-31 MW	200-13 199-15	399-18 MW	200-20 200-18	400-38 MW	200-17 200-14	400-31 MW	1599-118 MW	3197-232 MW
Doan Trevor	Ex-Sr	194-8 192-6	386-12	196-7 196-12	392-19 1SS-EX	194-8 194-8	388-16	198-8 194-6	392-14	1558-61	3135-136 2 <sup>nd</sup> , HiSr
Carolina Gariss	Ss-Jr	200-11 191-3	391-14 1SS-EX	193-9 197-6	390-15	193-6 195-10	388-16 1SS-EX	196-5 198-2	394-7 1SS-EX	1563-52 1SS-EX	3131-111 1SS, HiJr
Bruce Elsner	Mk-Sr	194-11 190-4	384-15 1Mk	191-5 196-7	387-12 1Mk	192-5 196-10	388-15 1Mk	197-11 196-8	393-19 1Mk	1552-61	3077-102 1Mk
Henry Pocock	Mk	193-9 189-4	382-13	182-3 190-2	378-5	185-2 179-1	364-3	DNF DNF	DNF	1124-21	2618-62

Next year bring a friend!!!

## SMALL BORE SHOOTING SCHEDULE

By **Virginia McLemore**

Small Bore Rifle Officer

**October 9-10, 2010**      Regional San Antonio

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Thanks to Jim McLemore for running the line.  
Joe Farmer is the Regional Champion!

We earned \$500 that went to the Whittington Center Small-bore Range Fund! Thanks everybody.

Regional Championship  
IRON SIGHTS

Name	Class	Dewar	Dewar Total	100 yd	100 yd total	50 m	50 m total	50 yd	50 yd total	total	place
Joe Farmer	Ma	199-11 199-14	398-25 MW	197-7 199-12	396-19 1MA	199-18 199-15	398-27 1Ma	200-19 199-15	399-34 MW	1591-105	MW
Reggie Jones	Ma	199-10 198-9	397-19 1Ma	195-5 197-9	392-14	196-13 199-8	395-21	199-15 200-6	399-21	1581-75	
Ginger McLemore	Ma	200-16 196-11	396-27	199-6 198-10	397-16 MW	200-16 199-17	399-33 MW	199-18 199-14	398-32	1590-108	1Ma
Charles Clark	Ma	197-14 195-7	392-21	192-4 195-6	389-10	200-18 198-9	398-31	200-11 199-12	399-23 1Ma	1578-75	
Jerry Todd	Ex Scope	198-12 198-8	396-20 1SC	198-7 197-7	396-14 1SC	198-12 198-4	397-26 1SC	200-16 196-6	396-22 1SC	1585-82	1SC
Bill Eddy	SS	198-7 190-11	388-18 1SS	194-7 198-6	382-13 1SS	198-6 193-6	394-12 1SS	198-8 192-4	390-12 1SS	1554-55	1SS

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Joe Farmer	Ma	200-17 200-19	400-36 MW	199-15 200-19	399-34 1Ma	200-15 200-15	400-30 1Ma	200-17 200-19	400-36 MW	1599-31 1Ma	3190-236 MW
Reggie Jones	Ma	199-15 198-12	397-27	200-15 199-13	399-28	199-12 200-13	399-15	199-18 200-13	398-31	1595-101	3176-176
Ginger McLemore	Ma	200-17 200-13	400-30 1Ma	200-12 200-15	400-27 MW	200-18 200-18	400-36 MW	200-16 200-15	400-31 1Ma	1600-124 MW	3190-232 1Ma
Charles Clark	Ma	199-14 199-8	398-28	195-8 199-10	394-18	200-16 197-10	397-26	199-13 200-8	399-21	1588-87	3166-162
Jerry Todd	Ex Scope	200-15 200-13	400-28 1EX-SS	197-11 197-12	394-23	200-16 199-15	399-31 1EX-SS	199-15 200-12	399-27 1EX-SS	1592-109 1EX-SS	3177-192 1SC
Bill Eddy	SS	200-15 196-2	396-17	200-9 195-8	395-17 1EX-SS	199-13 199-15	398-28	199-18 200-12	399-30	1588-92	3142-147 1SS

## GUN SHOWS AND EXPO'S By Charlie Weisleder

Gun Show Coordinator

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**2010 show dates for the New Mexico  
Gun Collectors Association**

**OCTOBER 2010**  
**2-3 Gun Show**  
New Mexico State Fairgrounds  
Albuquerque, NM

**2010 show dates for Gun & Blade "Texas"  
Show (silver spur gun shows)**

**DECEMBER 2010**  
**11-12 Gun Show**  
Albuquerque, NM

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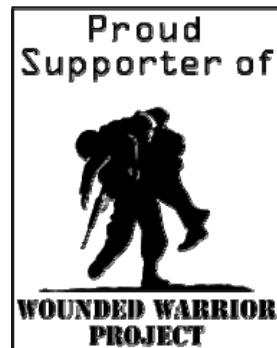
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# Unsung Heroes - The Patriot Guard Riders

By **Jan Miller-Waugh**

Sirens wail in the distance. "Here they come". Closer, closer, the rumble of the bike engines is heard. "They're here". All eyes are on the buses as they pass through the gate and come to a complete stop in front of the cheering crowd. All attention is riveted on the bus doors. After an interminable silence, as the doors finally open, "daddy, daddy", goose bumps, camera flashes, pulses racing, the crowd moves forward to envelop the debarking occupants, who after a year-long deployment are welcomed by their loved ones. Their escorts fade into the throngs of well wishers. "Patriot Guard, stand down." **MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!!**

Silence fills the air. Fifty flags standing at attention, flapping in the breeze, the only sound. The Patriot Guard is standing watch again. The crisp breeze, witness to the sentinels, performing at a solemn ceremony to celebrate the life of a fallen hero. The hearse remains as the last vestige of mourners depart the funeral service. "Patriot Guard, stand down." **MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!!**

These selfless acts share a common theme, the reasons few, the deeds many. Their mission is simple, infused with two objectives, show our sincere respect for our fallen heroes, their families, and their communities and shield the mourning family and their friends from interruptions created by any protestor or group of protestors.

Born in Kansas, PGR was conceived by American Legion riders who upon hearing about protestors at funerals of service members, successfully mustered riders to limit intrusion of the protestors. The idea quickly spread and currently nationwide, 202,000 members stand at the ready to provide security to service members, veterans and their families.

PGR members range in age and background. Some have served in the military, some are still serving. They ask for nothing, but give much.

Although the primary mission is to attend funerals of the fallen American heroes as invited guests of the family, members can also be seen at troop welcome home and send offs, POW-MIA and Veteran ceremonies, providing support to Snowball Express and Wounded Warrior Projects.

Patches and pins adorn the vests of many of the riders, to define the persona of the wearer, providing a window to the soul. Souls who have seen and endured too much in their lifetime, but stand ready again and again to act as sentinels, guarding our heroes, the next generation of Patriot Guard Riders.

Many members served during the Vietnam era and want to make sure this generation of hero's get the respect deserving of those who put their lives on the line for our freedoms. The freedoms we take for granted they are willing to die for. In the words of Rita J. Lammers' poem, The Vietnam War Vet, the last verse sums up the reason so many have flocked to support the PGR cause..."And if you do not understand, The price we pay for freedom yet, You'll find the answer living still, Within a Vietnam War Vet."

Each Patriot Guard Rider has their own motivation and inspiration for joining. They come together for the common cause of supporting those who stand before us, who defend our rights, from the enemies of our constitution, those foreign and domestic. Those brave men and women who give some or give all to defend our way of life.

Serenity, reverent, and hallowed, are only a few of the words that describe the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Angel Fire. Overlooking the Moreno Valley, surrounded by pines and aspens, the grounds are a reminder of all we hold dear. Calmness descends the moment one steps into the gardens.

Representing soldiers from wars past and present, the memorial serves as a place of healing for those suffering from war wounds, physical and emotional. Constructed from a fathers love, it stands as a tribute to those comrades-brothers in arms, preserving the brotherhood, who memori-

alize the fallen, respecting the heroes who have sacrificed so much.

Twice each year the Patriot Guard Riders gather here to honor the patriots memorialized in their memories or at the site. In May a contingent of riders participating in the Run For The Wall stop for a time to pay tribute and again in September during the Run For The Wall Reunion to assist the Memorial Foundation in laying bricks to line the walkways commemorating all United States veterans.

The Patriot Guard Riders have certainly earned the respect of the families they have supported and the unwavering respect of this writer. They are truly Unsung Heroes.

"To those who died for it, freedom has a taste that the protected shall never know."-Unknown

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