

GOA's Top Gun Rights Highlights for 2023



See what your Support and Activism accomplished!



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I thank Gun Owners of America for their invaluable work in the fight to successfully pass this critical legislation, and I applaud their unrelenting efforts to protect our constitutional right to keep and bear arms.

-Rep. Andrew Clyde, on passage of H.J. Res. 44

GOA Secures Safety for Gun Owners Possessing Pistol-Braced Firearms

GOA has been battling Biden's pistol brace ban since it was first introduced, and this year, we were victorious in both the courts and Congress. In the 5th Circuit Court, our attorneys won a preliminary injunction — a temporary halt to the rule — which protected all GOA members. In Congress, our team of lobbyists fought for H. J. Res. 44 in the House, where it passed in a bipartisan manner with 219 votes! After the vote, pro-gun YouTuber Jared Yanis of *Guns & Gadgets* thanked GOA and said: "Without GOA and Rep. Clyde, this [vote] doesn't happen. Let's be honest." GOA plans to keep fighting until this rule is completely dead and there is no threat to your Second Amendment rights! ■



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GUN OWNERS OF AMERICA SUES ATF

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GOA Reining in ATF's Plan to Shut Down Gun Dealers

GOA launched two lawsuits against the ATF to combat their Zero Tolerance policy which has forced hundreds upon hundreds of gun dealers to permanently close their doors. GOA won an initial victory on behalf of a gun store in North Dakota and is now pursuing a similar outcome for a gun dealer in Florida. With both lawsuits, GOA is representing thousands of gun dealers across the country and is seeking an end to ATF's Zero Tolerance policy nationwide. ■



"Permitless carry would never have passed in Florida were it not for Gun Owners of America."

— Royce Bartlett, Florida Talk Show host

GOA Helps Advance Constitutional Carry

In Florida, GOA testified before the legislature ... met personally with Gov. DeSantis (pictured here with GOA's John Velleco) ... hosted rallies ... delivered petitions ... generated massive media exposure ... and mobilized other pro-Second Amendment organizations to put intense pressure on the legislature to get permitless carry passed. In Nebraska, GOA members pushed legislators to support Constitutional Carry, thus raising the total number of permitless carry states to 27. ■

GOA PROTECTING VET'S 2A RIGHTS



Victory for Veterans!

GOA attained a major victory in a decades long battle against the Department of Veterans Affairs and their anti-gun fiduciary rule! This policy — started during the Clinton administration — has barred innocent veterans from purchasing a firearm because they received help for their benefits and finances. This year, GOA and our allies on Capitol Hill finally stopped this injustice by ending the VA's tyrannical process. A special thank you to Senator John Kennedy of Louisiana and Rep. Mike Bost of Illinois for leading the fight. ■



Gov. Lee Gets Trounced in Red Flag Session

GOA mobilized thousands of Tennessee activists this summer — urging them to crank up the pressure on key lawmakers in opposition to the Governor’s calls for gun control. In the aftermath of the tragic Nashville school shooting, Gov. Bill Lee caved to the demands of the anti-gun Left and called for a Special Session of the legislature to pass red flag gun confiscation. Thankfully, due to the grassroots efforts of GOA and Tennessee Firearm Association (TFA), the Special Session adjourned without passing any red flag gun grabs — and did so, despite the loud roar of anti-gun protestors outside the capitol! ■



Biden’s War on Hunters Gets Overturned

GOA was among the first and loudest groups calling for congressional action to stop the Biden Administration’s war on hunters this year. The president attempted to defund the Hunter Safety and Shooting Programs which have been available in many of America’s schools for 58 years. The Biden administration adopted a sinister interpretation of a federal law which Democrats and RINO Republicans passed last year. But the backlash against Biden’s attack on hunters from GOA members was so strong that even the same congressmen who voted for last year’s law were forced to support legislation to restore Hunter Safety and Shooting programs for millions of American children. ■



GOA-Backed Campus Carry Enacted in West Virginia

GOA successfully rallied Mountaineer gun owners in support of a campus carry bill this year. The new law enables visitors, staff and students who are 18-years-old and over to carry firearms in public universities in the state without fear of punishment. GOA was pleased to work alongside WVCDL, and our state director Alex Shay (pictured with Governor Jim Justice) was honored to attend the signing ceremony in March. ■



GOA Fighting in the Courts from Coast to Coast

GOA is shepherding dozens of court cases around the nation. And while many of them are being appealed or have been temporarily stayed, we’ve had success in several courtrooms — including places where we’re challenging restrictions on concealed carry, such as New Mexico, New York, Philadelphia and Virginia. There were also initial victories in Oregon and Illinois where we’re challenging gun bans. And we won a stunning victory in a federal district court in Florida, where we helped prevent the government from gagging the speech of a 2A reporter. Stay tuned for more legal updates in 2024 — especially regarding our efforts to help defend Missouri’s Second Amendment Preservation Act, which allows citizens to sue state departments if they cooperate with unconstitutional, federal gun control laws. ■



GOA Celebrates the Repeal of Jim Crow-era Gun Control

GOA mobilized grassroots gun owners in North Carolina this year to override Gov. Roy Cooper’s veto of a historic, pro-gun bill. The new law repeals the Jim Crow-style pistol purchase permits that were in place for decades and restores the right to carry firearms in churches with private schools. Pictured here is GOA’s Southeast Region Director Jordan Stein and North Carolina’s Lieutenant Governor Mark Robinson. ■



GOA Empowering Women to Defend Gun Rights

GOA spent much of 2023 recruiting and training female, pro-gun activists. In Detroit, GOA sponsored an event that helped train 1400 women from the inner city on how to use firearms — and it was all for free. Some of these women used to be anti-gun, but now realize they have to be empowered to protect themselves. GOA’s Director of Women’s Outreach, Antonia Okafor Cover (pictured in the blue dress), has also spearheaded several events across the country to train women in the proper handling of firearms. ■