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Largest Second Amendment Rally in Recent Memory



◀ January 20, 2020, is a day that will remain in anti-gun politicians' memory for decades. Tens of thousands of gun owners and Second Amendment supporters assembled in Richmond for VCDL's annual lobby day. This year's event took on new importance because Virginia Gov. Ralph "Blackface" Northam has proposed radical gun control. GOA's Erich Pratt and Antonia Okafor gave powerful speeches, exposing the follies of gun control. The governor cowardly banned firearms on capitol grounds (despite legal challenges from GOA and the Virginia Citizens Defense League), but that did not stop crowds of armed Americans from rallying peaceably in the streets.

Sending Second Amendment Champions to Congress



▲ Second Amendment Sanctuary Movement Spreads Like Wildfire

GOA spokespeople, members and activists have been working around the country to push for Second Amendment Sanctuary Ordinances. Pictured here is GOA's Dr. Val Finnell testifying in favor of an ordinance in Marshall County, Kentucky. As of the end of January, over 500 counties, cities, and towns have passed SASOs or sanctuary resolutions in 29 separate states. GOA has assembled an activism kit for those wishing to bring a Sanctuary to their community — a kit which includes a model ordinance with "teeth." The draft ordinance prohibits funds from being used to enforce gun control and imposes penalties on those who violate the ordinance. The kit can be found at gunownersaction.org/SASO.

◀ GOA's Erich Pratt (left) announced a major Congressional endorsement in support of Virginia Delegate Nick Freitas. He has been the champion for the Second Amendment-protected rights in the House of Delegates, as his floor speeches have gone viral around the country. Now, he's seeking to defeat the extreme anti-gunner Abigail Spanberger in Virginia's 7th congressional district. Freitas' contest will be a "must watch" race going into the fall elections.



▲ Empowering the Next Generation for the Second Amendment

GOA recently announced that campus carry activist Antonia Okafor would be joining the GOA team as Director of Outreach. Her campus organization — emPOWERed 2A — is now an official outreach of Gun Owners of America. Colleges and universities are often a hotbed of gun control and leftist indoctrination, so it is important to have a pro-gun presence that articulates the constitutional position. To this end, emPOWERed 2A will be engaging high school and college students on campus. If you or someone you know would like to get involved with emPOWERed 2A, please visit empowered2a.org



▲ False and Dishonest Media Narrative on Lobby Day

The mainstream media attempted to paint Richmond's Lobby Day as a "white nationalist" rally, but nothing was further from the truth. To set the record straight, GOA's Antonia Okafor went on *Fox & Friends* to debunk the narrative. "It was the worse white supremacist rally I've ever seen... they even let me speak," Okafor said with a chuckle. This interview is viewable online at gunowners.me/AOonFF (case sensitive).

One of the most anticipated speakers at Lobby Day was Stephen Willeford, the hero of Sutherland Springs, Texas. He was the armed citizen who used an AR-15 to mortally wound a church shooter in 2017 and save lives. GOA brought Willeford from Texas so that he could share his powerful story and explain how Gov. Northam's gun ban would inhibit the ability of good people to defend themselves and their families. ▶



▲ GOA Takes Bump Stock Ban to Federal Appeals Court

GOA attorney Rob Olson (left), pictured here with GOA's Erich Pratt (right), squared off against an attorney from the Department of Justice in Cincinnati, Ohio. Both sides presented oral arguments before a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Reports from the very liberal *Wonkette* screeched at Olson's constitutionally-based arguments and the idea that guns should be "even more readily available to the public." GOA is committed to overturning the reckless regulations placed on bump stocks.



Sutherland Springs Hero Rallies the Old Dominion