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Please remember that when using any of the ORSA Ranges, safety should be your number one concern. Everyone must be diligent in observing and correcting unsafe actions by anyone on the ranges. Also remember that you should always wear proper EYE and EAR protection regardless of whether you are shooting or just watching.

ORSA Website: ORSAONLINE.ORG

ORSA Membership Info: JOINORSA.ORG

Range Work Rules

As a reminder regarding work being completed on the grounds at ORSA. If you are on a range shooting, or show up to a range to shoot, you are required to yield to anyone working on the ranges or property. This includes contractors, and or volunteers. Under no circumstances should you begin shooting, or continue shooting on any range a contractor or volunteer is working on or shows up to perform any work activity, mowing, weed eating, maintenance, etc. Thank you for your cooperation and abiding to this rule. **-ORSA BOD**

NOTICE: Maintenance Outage March 17-22, 2025 Ed Johnson Indoor Range

The Ed Johnson Indoor Range is one of our most-utilized facilities at ORSA and that said, it's time we conduct some much-needed maintenance. That includes replacement of the existing T8 fluorescent bulbs with brighter long-lasting LED tubes, and hanging new neoprene curtains in front of the backstop. These tasks will require the range to be closed from March 17 - 23.

Accordingly, Range Safety Officers for Tuesday, March 18, 20, and March 22 are excused from duty. Afternoon and Evening activities will not be impacted, so the Smallbore class on March 17, Pistol League on March 18, and Smallbore Practice on March 19 **will not** be cancelled.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Michael Gasman at 865-805-2370.

ORSA Members Workday Time Scheduled!

Every spring we schedule members workday(s) to maintain and enhance our facilities. This year it has been scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday April 9-10, 2025. We rely heavily on volunteers and look forward to the support of any members, family and friends willing to contribute their time and skills. Todd Kising has agreed to coordinate the effort.

Please contact him directly at TAKisling@gmail.com if you are interested in participating.

ORSA RSO Class

ORSA Rifle and Pistol is pleased to offer the NRA Range Safety Officer Training. The class will use the basic NRA RSO training materials meshed with ORSA's Orientation as well as Rifle and Pistol Range Rules. The class is open to all ORSA members who wish to take part in this training. Upon completion of the class, you may choose to register your certificate of training with the NRA for a nominal fee. The training will also include a segment on First Aid which will include "Stop the Bleeding" and use of Defibrillator (AED) equipment.

The class will be held on Saturday March 29, 2025 from 10:30 AM to 7:30 PM at the Action Pistol range clubhouse

(Monterey Rd/ Hermitage Blvd entrance). Please bring a sack lunch and snacks. Drinks will be available for purchase at the clubhouse or you may bring your own.

Class is limited to 20 participants on a first come first served basis. Cost for the class is \$25.00 payable in Cash or Check upon arrival in the Action Pistol club house. The fees will include the training manual and materials for the class. You will be required to **BRING HEARING AND EYE PROTECTION** as we will have a bit of range activity.

For more information or to register please contact the course facilitator, Doug Calvert, at orsarsos@gmail.com.

Long Range Invitation

The Long Range Shooters invite you and your gun to shoot with us at 600/1000 yards.
Text or call 423-208-0442 or email ronaldfriesz@gmail.com for orientation.

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- Access to the Action Pistol range for practice requires participants to attend an AP Orientation session. Classes are held monthly at the AP building.
- Due to limited seating and health restrictions Walk-ins are not allowed.
- Use the link below to register for the AP orientation class of your choice.

<https://practicore.com/clubs/oak-ridge-sportsman-association>

Changes in the World of Archery

We are approaching a new season, hope this year has been a good one for you and yours.

This year a BIG change is coming! We have had numerous people ask us to move set-up day from April to the last Saturday in March. This will prevent a conflict with opening day of turkey season. On March 29th we will clean out the White course and put out new targets.

Please do not be the type of person that enjoys the range but feels that they don't need to help with the work. These targets don't magically appear. It takes the involvement of people who enjoy the sport.

It takes hours of work, either with chain saws, weed eaters, and debris cleaning to get the lanes ready for use.

There are a lot of people that use the range on different days or times other than the Thursday shooters. This is fine, the Archery ranges are for everybody to use. It is not right for a handful of the same people to get the range ready for all Archery shooters every year. They need your help to maintain the grounds and to keep targets standing upright.

So please come out and help. When you're shooting on all Archery ranges, if you see debris on areas where the mowers cut the grass, please stop and throw the limbs back into the woods.

We have worked very hard to get the ranges to look good and it will keep looking that way if everyone helps keep it that way. If you see a 3d target that has fallen over, please take a little time and stand it backup. You may need to reposition the stakes to firmer ground.

Safety is of main concern, so please remember not to walk around with an arrow nocked on your bow, and never shoot across either the road coming in or the walkway on the white course. You must wear safety glasses while you are on the course. It is very important to look at the target to see if a bow is leaning against the kill zone to signify someone is behind the target looking for a wayward arrow.

- DON WOOD

Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) Highpower Rifle Clinic and CMP Games Match April 19 & October 4, 2025, 8:00 AM – ORSA Ed T. Johnson Indoor Range Facility

If you have attended the Basic Rifle Clinic or Ed Johnson's 7-week small bore class and are interested in transitioning to shooting 3 Position Service Rifle, the CMP highpower rifle clinic is for you. We will meet at ORSA's Ed T. Johnson Indoor Range Facility on April 19, 2024, and October 4, 2025. Attendance at a basic rifle clinic is required before attending a highpower rifle clinic, or prior marksmanship training and evidence of prior competitive experience. The purpose of the clinic is to refine basic marksmanship fundamentals learned in the basic clinic, particularly the use of the sling and pit scoring operations. ORSA will host an OPTIONAL CMP Games Match immediately afterwards. In addition to having attended previous basic clinic, students should have some familiarity with the operation of an AR-15 or M1 Garand.

ORSA will provide your choice of an AR-15 or M1 Garand, with ammo. With prior coordination, you may request to bring your own US Service Rifle (AR-15, M1-Garand, or M-1A and ammo) provided it meets current CMP rules. If you are permitted to bring your gear, cost is \$10.00. If you are using an ORSA rifle, ammo, and equipment; cost is \$40.00 for use of AR-15, \$50 for the use of M1 Garand.

If you wish to participate, please read, and follow the instructions below.

RSVP to David Kiefer orsaclinic@gmail.com, Answer the following questions:

- What is your name, email address, and age?
- Are you furnishing your own rifle and ammo? If you are, provide details to ensure CMP compliance. (just google CMP Highpower Rules)
- Or, Will you need a club AR-15 (or M1)? (note, only club ammo may be fired in club rifles)
- Are you left-handed?
- Do you plan to attend the optional CMP Games Match Afterwards?
- You will then get a confirmation email which will have additional information.

Once you have received your confirmation email you must notify us Wednesday before the clinic if you cannot attend so others may take your spot. If you do not provide a cancellation notice, your participation in future clinics will not be guaranteed.

The Day of the Class:

- Schedule: Report to the ORSA Ed T. Johnson Indoor Range Facility at 8:00 AM Saturday.
- Firing will be complete by 4:00 PM.
- You will register, review the fundamentals of using a sling and the three firing positions, pit procedures, and then assigned a shooting relay and target number before being released to the highpower range.
- All firing will be conducted from the 200 Yard Line.

Fees (Cash or check made out to ORSA):

- \$40.00 for AR-15 or \$50 for M1 Garand club rifle, ammo, and equipment
- \$10.00 if participant brings their own rifle, equipment and ammo
- Fee for the CMP Games Match is \$10.00 plus ammo if needed for club rifles, \$20.00 for AR-15 or \$40.00 for M1 Garand

Range Requirements, Safety, and Comfort:

- Eye and Ear Protection are required on all ORSA ranges and must be furnished by participants.
- Dress for the weather predicted, include a hat and sunscreen. An inclement weather plan exists in the event of rain.
- Dress comfortably to lay in prone or sitting position. Bring a long-sleeved sweatshirt.
- **No Muzzle Brakes**, shooters and coaches are near each other on the firing line.
- **Bring plenty to drink, and a light lunch.**



NEWS FROM SKEET, TRAP & SPORTING CLAYS



Hang in there fellow shooters. By the time you read this it will be warming up and Sunblock will be on sale.

Polar Bear League is finished and over 50 shooters did the whole program myself included. They are contemplating some big changes for the Spring Session. Stay tuned I think you'll like it. Many thanks to Ron and Wayne and others that make these sessions possible.

March thru October the S&T range hours change. We add skeet 10-1 on Wednesdays. Tuesday trap and Friday skeet change to 10-1. Saturday skeet and trap hours are 10-4.

Our Sporting Clays Spring Member shoot will be held May 10th. The signup form is in the RangeFinder.

If you decide to shoot on a range you haven't shot on for a while, read the signs. No excuse for not knowing since there is a sign at every range. Shoot often and SHOOT SAFELY. If you are not already volunteering, spring is a good time to get started.

-Larry McNamee, President of STSC

ORSA Members' Spring Sporting Clays Tournament Saturday May 10, 2025 – 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

**ORSA Members Only, Limit 56 Shooters
100 targets, \$40 Entry Fee, lunch included**

Registration	9:00
Shoot	9:30
Lunch	Noon
Prizes	1:00

Cash Prizes



Location: ORSA Sporting Clays Range (across from Oak Ridge CC)
149 Gum Hollow Road
Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830

Prizes ~

Lewis Class style scoring – every contestant has a chance to win prize money. Equal cash prizes will be awarded to the top two shooters in each of the classes. Classes determined by scores high to low and dividing total shooters by 4 or 5. Prize money will depend on the number of shooters. Ties will split prizes evenly. You must be present to collect prize money.

**Pre-registration is required, first come first serve, register before May 5
Tournament is limited to 56 shooters.**

Submit groups together, list on back of entry form. Max group size 4 shooters

Contacts	Cletus Mitchell	Greg Kraft
E- mail	orsa.skeettrap@gmail.com	gnckraft@charter.net
Phone	(865) 599-0591	(865) 671-6215

To pre-register detach and return form below with a check **payable to ORSA** for \$40 to:

Greg Kraft
613 Valley Hill Lane
Knoxville, TN 37922



ORSA Sporting Clays Tournament Registration – please print clearly.

Name		
Cell Phone		Shooting with a group?
Email		\$40 check payable to ORSA enclosed

- Lunch - free to shooters. Spectators - \$5.00/person

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Ear and eye protection is required for all competitors, trap personnel and spectators on the fields. Competitors and Spectators assume all risks which may result from accidents. ORSA retains the right to make revisions if necessary.

2025 CMP Vintage Rifle Matches

ORSA is once again planning a full slate of CMP vintage rifle matches for 2025. Vintage rifle matches include Garand, Springfield, Vintage Military, and Modern Military (GSVM) matches, and Vintage Sniper Rifle Team (VST) matches. The club has AR-15 and M1 Garand rifles, jackets, and gloves you may borrow for GSVM matches. Ammo is available at the matches.

In 2024, the CMP introduced one new rifle eligible for Modern Military (SIG 550 series) and a new class of rifles for VST. These rifles are original or replica rifles from the 1954 to 1976-time frame including M70, M40, and XM21 rifles (CMP calls them "Vietnam era").

All matches are held on the Charlie Smart High-Power Range. ORSA is transitioning to electronic targets for high-power rifle events in 2025, please see the Rangefinder for news on this development.

Match bulletins can be found at <https://orsarandp.com/>

GSVM Match schedule:

1. 19 April, one match after the High-power Rifle Clinic
2. 17-18 May, four matches over two days
3. 20-21 September, four matches over two days
4. 4 October, one match after the High-power Rifle Clinic

VST Match schedule:

1. 19 October

Vintage rifles rules (including all the eligible rifles) are found in the CMP Games Rifle and Pistol Competition Rules book at <https://thecmp.org/competitions/cmp-competitions-rulebooks/>

Contact Kyle Kirschenmann with any questions you may have at orsacmpgames@gmail.com

RF CLASSIFIEDS

FOR PERSONAL SALE:

RANGEFINDER CLASSIFIED POLICY

Members-In-Good-Standing may submit ads for the sale of firearms, ammo, reloading supplies & equipment, legal firearms accessories and targetry. Ads are for private person-to-person sale. No business-related ads will be accepted. Submit your ad in MS Word if at all possible via email to orsasec@gmail.com. All ads are subject to approval by the ORSA Board of Directors.

Contact: Chuck, text 865-748-7817 before 9pm please or crna40@aol.com

- 2 M39's in great condition. \$800 each.
- 1903 target rifle in mint shape, long slide. \$1000.
- Swiss rifle 96/11, extremely nice. \$650.
- Swedish M96, \$600.
- Springfield 1903 target rifle with bull barrel custom, German 22lr Sportsmodel with broken stock in decent shape. Have both pieces, should fit easily if you can work with wood. \$550.

Contact: Pat Higgins at 865-470-8364 or cp Higgins@comcast.net

- 2-New A.R.M.S. Throw Lever QD 22L (Low) 30mm Scope Rings. \$100.
- 1-New Wisconsin Trigger Co. MK IIA3 competition AR trigger. \$150.
- 1-New PWS MOD 2 Enhanced Buffer Tube for AR. \$30.
- 1-New Original Bob Sled AR single-shot magazine for Service Rifle competition. \$25.
- 2-New Olive AR round hand guards. 8" & 5". \$15 each.
- 2-New KNS Precision Trigger Group Pin Set. Small .154. \$20 each.
- 1-Bucaresti IOR 3x25 Tactical Illuminated Scope. \$100.

Glock Magazines:

- 6-NIB 15rd 10mm, \$15 each. 6-NIB 15rd .40, \$15 each.
- 7-NIB 13rd .45, \$15 each. 3-NIB 26rd .45 by SMG, \$20 each.

Contact: Gary, email hagang@bellsouth.net or text 865-809-0722

- SKB 720 20 gauge over under beautiful gun with chokes. \$1350.
- Ithaca Model 37 Featherlight 12 gauge MOD 2 3/4 almost new condition 1960's era. \$850.
- Savage A22 Magnum with Leopold VX-1 2x7 33 Scope with 500 rounds CCI A22 Magnum ammo. \$825.

Contact: Call or Text Roy at 865-414-3151

- Smith & Wesson Classics Model 19 Classic revolver features a handsome set of walnut grips, a 4.25" barrel, a black adjustable rear sight, and red ramp front sight. The revolver dons a highly polished, blued finish and traditional thumbpiece for a classic look. Includes Miculek S&W Revolver Spring. Asking \$750.
- Smith and Wesson - M&P45 2.0 - include Apex trigger enhancement (internal and external). Also, Truglo TFX Trijicon/Fiber sights. Asking \$400.

Contact: Alan Williams ORSA member #41548 at 865-216-9282 or rheas@rheasdiving.com

- Christiansen Ranger 22LR, tan w/black webbing stock, carbon fiber wrapped barrel, Magpul Sling Swivel Bipod, Arken Light Weight Hunter 6-24x50 scope with low-mount rings, throw lever and sun shield. \$1000.
- Canik TTI Combat collectable package with Holosun 507C-X2 red dot optic. \$975.
- Vortex Razor AMG UH-1 Gen 2 holographic sight, brand new Gen 2 replacement for an original Gen 1, complete in box, never mounted. \$400.

Contact: D. L. Crookshanks, 865-805-3142, crookshanksdl@gmail.com Call between 9am and 7pm Monday through Saturday. All items, cash only. Text for pictures, email for details on each weapon. I have various powders available. E-mail me for list. Picture ID and bill of sale required.

- H & K VP 9: Four 17 round mags. Like new in box. Shot 50 times. H & P parts custom trigger and mag release. Vortex Venom aim point installed. Asking \$840.
- S & W M&P 15-22, 22LR, 16.5" barrel, red optics, two 25 round mags, one 10 round mag. This includes a matching gun case. Asking \$400.
- Trijicon RMR Sight, 9MOA green dot. New in box. Paid \$429. Asking \$350.
- Burris Eliminator 5, New in box. 5x20x50mm. Paid \$1,250. Asking \$850.

Various bullets for sale:

- Hornady .308, 1 box 180 gr. GMT \$18, 150 gr. FMJ/BT, \$.20. Two boxes of 165gr.BTSP Interlock. \$40 for both. 180gr. SST, 91 count, \$20. Sierra .308 150 FMJBT 2 boxes, \$25. Nosler, 264 140gr, HPBT custom competition, 2 boxes \$40. Hornady, .264 129gr. Interlock \$18. Hornady 6.5 Creedmoor new brass 100 count. \$70.

Contact: R. Taylor, louduitar1@gmail.com / Call 865-601-6564

- Manifat, Riuite, Armi-E.Salvinelli 20 Gauge Over and Under Shotgun 26 inch Vichers English Steel barrels, 2.3/4 inch chambers, ventilated rib, double triggers, checkered stock, manual safety. This is a old used gun but in good shape. A very similar gun is for sale on Guns International for \$3000. I am asking \$2500. Photos on request.
- It is a C.O.R.E. M4 piston. It has a Nikon P-223 scope, Troy Quad Rail, muzzle brake, Adams Arms lightweight nickel piston bolt, CMC flat face trigger, Gunfighter charging handle and a MagPul grip. I am asking \$1200. Photos on request.

Contact: Dirk Leach, DSLeach@yahoo.com / Call 704-574-9720

- Mauser 1910 Side Latch 3rd Variant 25 ACP. Metal and wood grips in very good condition with all numbers matching and matching clip/magazine. \$650.
- TT Olympia .22 cal Pistol in 100% condition with barrel weight and one mag. Both wood and metal finish are 100% though the pistol has been fired. \$400.
- New with tags Beretta Unisex mesh clays shooting vest. Color is blue and grey. Size marked Medium but it doesn't fit me and I wear a men's medium. Actual size in men's sizing is Small or, in Women's sizing, Medium. \$25.
- Beretta OEM flush mount Optima HP choke tube set. Brand new in plastic tubes. Five (5) tubes in total (Cylinder, Skeet, Improved Cylinder, Modified, Improved Modified). \$100 for the set of 5 or \$25 per single tube.

It seems that the tide is turning for those of us who value the most critical words in the Second Amendment - "...shall not be infringed." For the first time a President has signed an executive order protecting Second Amendment Rights. There is a conservative majority in both houses of Congress and we are now seeing many bills being proposed including constitutional carry and nation-wide reciprocity. We are seeing several judicial decisions that are curbing anti-gun rights activists in the states.

I want to highlight one judicial decision in one of the most oppressive gun control states, Illinois. Illinois passed a law prohibiting the ownership of "assault weapons" and "large capacity" magazines. In the case of *Barnett v. Raoul* the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois struck down the states Protect Illinois Communities Act (PICA). In the majority opinion District Court Judge Stephen McGlynn explained that he followed the Supreme Court's 2022 ruling in the *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen* case.

McGlynn wrote "Sadly, there are those who seek to usher in a sort of post-Constitutional era where the citizens' individual rights are only as important as they are convenient to a ruling class. ..." "What is particularly disturbing is that the prohibition of weapons that are commonly owned and used by citizens are now banned, depriving citizens of a principal means to defend themselves and their property in situations where a handgun or shotgun alone would not be the citizens preferred arm." "...PICA is an unconstitutional affront to the Second Amendment and must be enjoined."

Wow! This judicial can now be cited in other cases where liberal states have infringed on the Second Amendment.

Protecting Second Amendment Rights

EXECUTIVE ORDER

February 7, 2025

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. Purpose. The Second Amendment is an indispensable safeguard of security and liberty. It has preserved the right of the American people to protect ourselves, our families, and our freedoms since the founding of our great Nation. Because it is foundational to maintaining all other rights held by Americans, the right to keep and bear arms must not be infringed.

Sec. 2. Plan of Action. (a) Within 30 days of the date of this order, the Attorney General shall examine all orders, regulations, guidance, plans, international agreements, and other actions of executive departments and agencies (agencies) to assess any ongoing infringements of the Second Amendment rights of our citizens, and present a proposed plan of action to the President, through the Domestic Policy Advisor, to protect the Second Amendment rights of all Americans.

(b) In developing such proposed plan of action, the Attorney General shall review, at a minimum:

(i) All Presidential and agencies' actions from January 2021 through January 2025 that purport to promote safety but may have impinged on the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens;

(ii) Rules promulgated by the Department of Justice, including by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, from January 2021 through January 2025 pertaining to firearms and/or Federal firearms licensees;

(iii) Agencies' plans, orders, and actions regarding the so-called "enhanced regulatory enforcement policy" pertaining to firearms and/or Federal firearms licensees;

(iv) Reports and related documents issued by the White House Office of Gun Violence Prevention;

(v) The positions taken by the United States in any and all ongoing and potential litigation that affects or could affect the ability of Americans to exercise their Second Amendment rights;

(vi) Agencies' classifications of firearms and ammunition; and

(vii) The processing of applications to make, manufacture, transfer, or export firearms.

Sec. 3. Implementation. Upon submission of the proposed plan of action described in section 2 of this order, the Attorney General shall work with the Domestic Policy Advisor to finalize the plan of action and establish a process for implementation.

Sec. 4. General Provisions. (a) Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

(i) the authority granted by law to an executive department, agency, or the head thereof;

or

(ii) the functions of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative proposals.

(b) This order shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations.

(c) This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.
Protecting Second Amendment Rights - The White House

Trump Order on Second Amendment Raises Hopes and Questions

Ammoland Inc. Posted on February 11, 2025 by David Codrea

"The Second Amendment is an indispensable safeguard of security and liberty. It has preserved the right of the American people to protect ourselves, our families, and our freedoms since the founding of our great Nation," President Donald Trump declared Friday in a highly anticipated executive order. "Because it is foundational to maintaining all other rights held by Americans, the right to keep and bear arms must not be infringed."

Such a presidential action stirs the hopes of gun owners who have been wondering when Donald Trump would acknowledge the unequivocal promises he's made to them on the campaign trail.

"Every single Biden attack on gun owners and manufacturers will be terminated on my very first week back in office, perhaps my first day," he had pledged to an on-its-feet, approval-roaring crowd attending NRA's Feb. 2024 Presidential Forum at the Great American Outdoor Show in Harrisburg's Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex. Yet it's taken almost three weeks since his inauguration to even mention the Second Amendment, leading some of us, including Gun Owners of America, to ask "Why?" when he'd found time to address many priorities that, while important, could hardly be deemed "foundational to maintaining all other rights."

Gun owners' confidence was further tested with Trump's selection of Pam Bondi as attorney general. Her tenure as Florida's top law enforcer was marked by support for many of the same citizen disarmament edicts being pushed by the gun prohibition lobby, including due process-denying "red flag laws," a gun ban for 18-20-year olds, a bump stock ban, and Florida's unconstitutional ban on open carry. And disappointment was high when Senate Republicans didn't even broach the Second Amendment in her confirmation hearing, leaving that line of questioning to gun-grabbing Democrats. Bondi didn't help by following up her assertion that "I am pro-Second Amendment. I have always been pro-Second Amendment," with "I will follow the laws of my state of Florida and our country, of course."

On Wednesday, Bondi issued a memorandum to Justice Department employees that, among other things, ordered:

To free resources to address more pressing priorities, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) shall shift resources from its Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement Programs to focus on matters relating to the other priorities set forth herein. No resources shall be diverted from the ATF's regulatory responsibilities, such as federal firearms licenses and background checks.

That doesn't sound like much relief for gun owners is planned, but does make fair the question "What else does 'such as' include?"



President Trump's executive order appears to address that, ordering Bondi, among other things, to examine all executive infringements, especially including those enacted during the Joe Biden administration, and come up with and "work with the Domestic Policy Advisor to finalize the plan of action and establish a process for implementation."

"This historic move sets the stage for a broader restoration of Second Amendment rights," Gun Owners of America cheered. "GOA is thrilled to see President Trump delivering on the promises he made to gun owners across America, starting with this executive order initiating a whole-of-government approach to restoring gun rights."

It is a hopeful development. But – and there's that word – it's important to keep a realistic check on expectations, and it would be remiss not to identify some potential concerns raised in Section 4 of Trump's order, particularly. It won't affect executive authority and "is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States..."

That's something to keep an eye on, because it will be shaped by Bondi's and Trump's inclinations, which we've seen from past actions and statements aren't always the same as those of Second Amendment advocates. That can also be said for the Domestic Policy Advisor, Vince Haley, a former Newt Gingrich aide and Trump speechwriter whom the president elect named as Director of the Domestic Policy Council last November.

There's not much relevant "gun" information on Haley except to note VoteSmart has a 2015 entry saying he "was rated 86% by the National Rifle Association." That does not scream "Gun Guy!" or suggest he'd be informed or invested enough to question anything Bondi brings to him, and that's something to watch for.

What would help head off disappointments would be for Trump to replace the Office of Gun Violence Prevention, headed by Kamala Harris and populated with leading anti-gunners, with the Office of Second Amendment Protection, chaired by Vice President JD Vance and advised by the Gun Owners for Trump coalition introduced in the presidential campaign to attract gun owner votes. Let them have the president's ear – and us have theirs – and gun owners could help the administration avoid some of the letdowns of the past and start making real progress.

Trump's Second Amendment order is a good first step. It's up to us to keep him on the path and walking in the right direction.

About David Codrea:

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GOA Announces Top Priorities Under the New Congress
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Gun Owners of America (GOA) is wasting no time with the new session of Congress starting. With Trump about to enter office and Republicans in control of both chambers, the gun rights group is preparing to lobby for its top priorities.

One of GOA's top priorities is for Congress to force the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) to destroy what it calls the illegal gun registry. The ATF has around a billion digitized records at its Martinsburg, WV Out of Business Office. The ATF claims that these records are not a registry, but the gun rights group disagrees.

GOA will push Congress to take action against the ATF and demand that the government agency delete its database. The ATF is legally not allowed to keep a registry but has played fast and loose with semantics to claim that its database is not a registry because it isn't searchable. The system keeps the files in PDF format, and with just a few clicks, documents can be accessed

through optical character recognition (OCR) to make them searchable.

There have been attempts in the past to force the ATF to delete the documents, but chances were slim without control of Congress and Joe Biden in the White House. With the new Congress now in session and Donald Trump returning to the office of President, GOA believes it has a real chance of accomplishing its goal of forcing the ATF to delete its files on millions of gun owners.

Another priority the gun rights group is pushing is national reciprocity for concealed carry permits. Although the final goal is for national constitutional carry, the chances of that happening are low. National reciprocity actually has a chance of passing, with President Trump signaling his openness to it. A national reciprocity bill would force all states to recognize each other's concealed carry permits, much like how every state must recognize each other's driver's license.

"With President Trump calling for the passage of the Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act, with Majority Leader John Thune as a former lead sponsor of the bill, and with Speaker Mike Johnson being an outspoken proponent of nationwide carry, the GOA-backed bill is closer than ever before to final passage," said Aidan Johnston, Director of Federal Affairs for GOA. "However, we're going to need every gun owner to also become a Second Amendment activist to help us hold Congress accountable to their campaign promises and to push this across the finish line!"

GOA also wants suppressors removed from the National Firearms Act (NFA) registry. The United States is one of the only countries requiring additional suppressor registrations along with a \$200 fee for a tax stamp. Deregulation of suppressors will save Americans millions of dollars and will save their hearing. There is a misconception that suppressors are tools of assassins and that they make guns completely silent. In reality, the purpose of suppressors is to lower the noise levels to a safe volume to prevent hearing loss. Several bills have been introduced in Congress to remove suppressors from the NFA registry, including the Hearing Protection Act (HPA). These bills now have a real chance of passing.

Another issue on GOA's radar is removing funding for "red flag" laws. These are also known as extreme risk protection orders (ERPO). GOA and other groups complain that these laws lack due process protections since the EPROs are issued through an ex parte hearing where the "red flag" target is unaware that the hearing is even happening. Although no federal "red flag" law exists, the federal government bribes states into implementing the constitutionally dubious law through grants. GOA hopes to pressure Congress to stop these payments, which will protect Americans' rights and save taxpayers money.

There is real hope. For the past four years, gun owners had to play defense. According to GOA, it is time to push forward and go on the offense.

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20 Easter S&T 12-4, SC 1-4	21 LR Practice	22 HP Practice Trap10-1 Pistol League 4pm ID	23 HP Practice Skeet 10-1	24 LR Practice 9-12 HP Practice 12-dusk ArcheryLeague 5:30	25 HP Practice Skeet 10-1, SC 1-4	26 ID 12-4 S&T 10-4, SC 10-4 MultiGun/3-Gun 10 AP Steel Chall 9am AP BoyScouts field 4 1-4 Scouts 9-11:30 ID
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