

PA. PATRIOTS SET GUN PURCHASE RECORDS UNDER TERRORIST OBAMA'S

During his eight years of terrible rule, Barack Hussein Obama did his best to disarm law-abiding Americans, even as he weakened America's borders and tried to flood us with "refugees" who wanted to maim and behead us.

Obama's nefarious efforts were given a big boost by fellow travelers like ex-NYC mayor Mike Bloomberg, Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, and other left-wingers who fed us false information in an attempt to gut the Second Amendment.

Fortunately, Pennsylvania residents rejected their lies. In addition to voting for Trump rather than the anti-gun Clinton, Pennsylvania residents bought and transferred a record number of firearms in 2016, according to a report on pennlive.com.

Concerns about terrorist attacks, violent crime and gun rights helped lead to the massive increase in the number of guns acquired by Pennsylvanians in 2016 compared to a decade earlier, experts said, according to the writeup.

In 2016, 797,358 guns were sold or transferred in shops and between private sellers in Pennsylvania. That compares to 404,528 guns sold and transferred in 2007, for an increase of 49.2 percent.

Joe Staudt, a former Marine and owner of Staudt's Gun Shop in Harrisburg, said the prevalence of mass shootings and terrorist attacks have played a major part in the increased sales. When mass



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shootings occur, people become scared and seek self-protection, according to the article. Their first stop is a gun shop.

"It makes people feel vulnerable," said Staudt, adding that the biggest sales spike he ever saw came after the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in December 2012.

"We, literally, sold everything we had," Staudt said.

Proposed state and federal gun control legislation that seek to wipe out our Second Amendment rights also drives up sales. When lawmakers begin talking about weapon bans, additional background checks or ammo limitations, gun sales skyrocket, the pennlive.com article notes.

Even Shira Goodman, the radical executive director of CeaseFirePA (which seeks to deny

citizens their right to self-defense) said that there was a huge spike in gun sales when lawmakers began proposing federal gun laws in the wake of the Sandy Hook shooting. In 2013, President Barack Hussein Obama proposed several gun control measures.

Goodman said sales may have been so high in 2016 because Obama proposed additional gun control measures in January. Goodman admits gun owners have a concern that the government is coming to take their guns away.

Goodman said the contentious presidential election between Republican Donald Trump and Democrat Hillary Clinton might have added to increased gun sales in 2016, since there were concerns that Hillary Clinton would try to take away our guns.

Staudt adds that stories of police officers being shot, violent protests and countless murders, aggravated assaults and robberies also drove law-abiding citizens to want to buy guns and feel protected. Staudt said he's seen more women buying handguns in the past two years than ever before.

http://www.pennlive.com/news/2017/01/pennsylvania_nians_acquired_392830.html

AS PA RESIDENTS ACQUIRE ARMS THEY'RE ALSO LEARNING ABOUT SAFETY

As the number of license-to-carry permits issued in places like Lawrence County goes up, firearms owners and enthusiasts are showing that responsibility is key in making the choice to carry, according to an ellwoodcityledger.com article.

In 2015, Lawrence County Sheriff Perry Quahliero issued 2,515 license-to-carry permits; in 2016, he issued 2,894, an increase of 15 percent, the report notes. Randall Blinn, owner of Randall Guns in Ellwood City since 1979, said purchase trends in his store tend to align with the country's political direction.

"About eight years ago we saw a surge [in gun purchases] for personal protection," Blinn said. "I talked to a lot of people who were worried that their rights would be taken away and they wanted to carry."

Along with increased firearms purchases Blinn said, was the purchase of ammunition. He said he saw another surge in 2012. But Blinn has also seen an increase in education that gun owners are receiving before they get a firearm.

"Most people around here take owning a gun seriously," Blinn said, according to the article. "There are seminars that are constantly held in the area. And it's not so much how to shoot a gun; it's what will happen if you do use a gun to protect yourself."

Pittsburgh resident Drew Keele has been a gun owner for over 12 years and a member of the Lawrence County Sportsman's Association for three years. In addition to collecting firearms, Keele is a competitive shooter who is also a member of the International Defensive Pistol Association. He said while he enjoys the sport, using a gun for personal protection is a last resort.

"I choose to carry because of the society we live in," Keele said, according to the article. "I shoot competitively, am highly trained, and will use my weapon as a last resort to protect the lives of my family and myself."

Blinn believes most local gun owners are law-abiding citizens, and said the crime he is aware of has very little to do with guns.

"A big problem in our area is drugs," the article quotes Blinn as saying. "I believe if you'd take the drug connections out of local crime, most of the gun violence would cease,"

http://www.ellwoodcityledger.com/news/local_news/as-gun-permit-numbers-go-up-so-too-does-the/article_a3b9f822-d1eb-11e6-a21c-b7aae95e8fed.html

GUN OWNERS TARGET ILLEGAL BAN IN LOWER MERION TWP.

Most challenges to gun-control ordinances in recent years in Pennsylvania have been dismissed outright — generally, because the plaintiffs lacked standing after the courts overturned a state law known as Act 192, according to a report on <http://www.newsworks.org>.

But that wasn't the case when Lower Merion Township tried to ban guns in its parks, since one plaintiff in the suit challenging the ordinance lives in the township. Initially, Montgomery County Court upheld Lower Merion's ordinance, but an appeals court issued a 2-1 decision against the township. Lower Merion officials say they'll appeal the most recent ruling.

The state Supreme Court overturned Act 192 — which let the NRA and other parties sue towns — over their illegal gun laws — because of the way the legislature enacted it. About 100 municipalities had already repealed their gun ordinances and lawsuits were filed against a handful that didn't. After the traitors in the

state Supreme Court issued their decision overturning Act 192, lower courts quickly dismissed cases against Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Lancaster outright because the NRA had filed them without a resident plaintiff.

But the left-wing liberals didn't prevail in the case against Lower Merion Township, because plaintiff Joseph Abramson lives in the township. Abramson is named on the lawsuit along with Firearms Owners Against Crime President Kim Stolfer, who lives in South Fayette Township, 25 miles southwest of Pittsburgh.

The Lower Merion law bans carrying and discharging firearms in parks without a "special permit", which the town's lawyer, Richard Sokorai, said refers to a concealed carry license. But the ordinance also seems to ban openly carrying firearms, which doesn't require a permit in Pennsylvania.

Sokorai admitted the open carry issue is one that opens the door to challenge the law. The town ordinance doesn't include exceptions, such as firing in self defense, either.

The attorney for the gun rights plaintiffs, Joshua Prince, said he was surprised those exceptions weren't there. Including them, according to Prince, wouldn't have "saved" the ordinance, though, according to the article. Those issues didn't even come up in the most recent decision, mainly because the appeals court is charged with focusing on potential errors in the lower court's reasoning.

"Only the General Assembly can regulate when it comes to firearms and ammunition," Prince said. "And that makes perfect sense because otherwise we would have a patchwork of laws across the commonwealth to ensnare law-abiding citizens."

This case is much the same as one he won against Erie over that city's ban on guns in parks, Prince added.

Two out of the three judges in the appellate court felt the township seemed to be relying on its governmental powers, not on its rights as property owner, in enacting the ordinance because it provides for police to remove people from parks if they have guns.

Prince compared the prospect of municipalities restricting gun use on government property to restricting speech.

Prince also has a case filed in 2015 still pending against the city of Harrisburg over its firearms ordinances. Harrisburg resident Joshua First is listed as a plaintiff in that lawsuit, along with Stolfer and Howard Bullock of nearby Lower Paxton Township.

<http://www.newsworks.org/index.php/homepage-feature/item/100176-lower-merion-will-fight-firearms-ordinance-ruling->

NATIONAL RECIPROCITY

Editorial: Your driver's license is recognized in all states. Your marriage license is recognized in all states. Your firearms license . . . not so much!

It is your God-given/natural right to bear arms in self-defense. The Supreme Court has ruled (incorrectly in my view) that government has the right to regulate, and so, many states have.

US House bill HR38 would use the power of the Federal government to enforce the intent of the 2nd Amendment "the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." It would require that any state that allows carry,

or at least has a process for applying, must recognize license holders from any other state, without limitation. We are very much in favor of this bill and will be calling upon you in the near future to help us support it.

It all starts with a kick-off meeting in Allentown on February 2nd at 7 PM at the Starlite Ballroom (Fearless Fire Co Social Hall) Where Larry Pratt the Executive Director of Gun Owners of America will speak. We will also have special guests: Shaneen Allen; Joshua Prince; Charles Strange; and NRA Director William Bachenberg.

Come on out...

MEMORIZE THESE SAFETY RULES

1. Always treat all guns as though they are loaded
2. Always keep your firearm pointed in a safe direction
3. Always keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot
4. Be sure of your target and what is beyond it

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US Constitution 2nd Amendment

"A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

PA Constitution Article 1 Section 21

"The right of the citizens to bear arms in defense of themselves and the State shall not be questioned."
