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Seeking Submissions: Why do I carry a gun?

WRITTEN: *RICH BURGESS*

EDITED: *CRAIG SZWED*

In our January 2014 newsletter, we introduced a new series of articles entitled 'Why Do I Carry A Gun?', with the goal of having at least one guest writer in the newsletter, every month, address a common topic that each of us asks ourselves at least once: "Why do I carry a gun?" The goal is to have this theme written about, monthly, by a different Connecticut Carry member/s, or even by a non-member gun supporter who might offer the rest of us some valuable insight by sharing her/his own experiences. The primary objective of this ongoing column theme is to explore why such a wide cross-section of people in this state carry firearms, and to help others, whether gun enthusiasts or objectors, that we all might consider things about this lifestyle that we may not have considered, previously. We are sure that each of us shall benefit from such an ongoing column, whether we shake our heads and say, "WOW! I never thought of that!", or we say, "I know EXACTLY what he/she means!" ... and how many more of us will nod and say to ourselves, "Been there. Done that."

Connecticut Carry will be accepting article submissions at info@ctcarry.com. There is no reason-

able limit to the maximum or minimum number of words that can be submitted. We want to get your story, whether it is simple or extensive. We will include whatever name/information you include in the signature of your article and nothing more. Articles can be completely anonymous or written under a pseudo-name or with your real name if you prefer.

This is supposed to be informative, but we also want to have fun with the process and the topic. The January and February newsletters both contained great example of both concepts, but, please don't be intimidated by the length or the techniques used in this article, as we know that everyone has their own way of saying things. We can also offer assistance with writing, proof-reading and editing. To quote one of our editors, "Say what you mean, and mean what you say." Articles can be done in essentially any format including just a plain-text email as well. The emphasis is on your story, not on the formatting.

Connecticut Carry asks and requires that submissions be responsibly and tastefully written, with nothing libelous, please. This is particularly important given that the message and hope of Con-

necticut Carry is to responsibly educate members and the public. Connecticut Carry reserves the right to use or not use submissions at its own discretion, and/or to edit, as necessary for language or content, in order to keep our newsletters responsible to and readable by a broad readership interested in firearms related topics.

Send in your unique story about why you carry a firearm and assist other members (new and old) in learning and considering new things about why they should, or do, carry a firearm. Unique perspectives are not only welcome, but encouraged.





What Is So Different About Connecticut Carry?

WRITTEN: *RICH BURGESS*

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We get this question a lot. What makes Connecticut Carry different than the other organizations that are out there? Why does Connecticut Carry exist, and what does Connecticut Carry offer that the other organizations out there do not offer?

This question recently sprang up, again, at [the seminar](#) we hosted at the Tower Ridge Country Club in Simsbury. A seminar attendee wanted to know what the difference was between us and the other organizations in the state and what we had to offer. I need to answer that question so frequently that I thought it would be a good idea to address it here.

First, let's look at Connecticut Carry's three main pillars.

- Transparency
- Education
- Legal Defense

In upcoming articles, I will go into detail about each of these three pillars and describe what we mean by them and why they are so important. But for now, it is most important to understand that these are the three main concerns and focal points on which we founded Connecticut Carry.



The Beginning

Before Connecticut Carry existed, Connecticut Carry Director Edward Peruta and I both belonged to and actively supported an organization called Connecticut Citizen's Defense League (CCDL). I became very active in working to correct myths and misinformation about gun ownership and laws in Connecticut, via the internet. That, in turn, resulted in me getting involved with the open carry issue. In the early days, of my involvement with these issues, I posted a lot of information on the Connecticut forum of [opencarry.org](#). Several of the early executive members of CCDL were also involved on the Connecticut [opencarry.org](#) forum. We all discussed these issues, and learned a lot about firearms law from each other. We corrected a great many myths and much misinformation, which led to more people getting into the fight through that venue.

At the time (around 2009),

CCDL was a new organization. I got involved in it by going to meetings, and I tried to find ways that I could contribute to their efforts in a meaningful way. I had seen Ed Peruta's postings on the forums, and I quickly realized that he was the most knowledgeable person whom I could find here, about firearms law in Connecticut. Not only this, but he was steadfast and resolute in his understanding; anything he said was backed up with facts and citations. I have still never seen Ed back down from a



James Goldberg, falsely arrested in 2007 for not carrying concealed 'enough'.

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challenge or fail to argue something to which he didn't already know the answer. He was involved in many legal cases, at the time, and I found that he had personally financed much of the Goldberg case against Glastonbury (challenging the 2007 arrest of a Mr. Goldberg at a Glastonbury Chilis restaurant). This was very interesting to me, as this was my first major understanding of people fighting back against unlawful arrests of open carriers (although in this case, Mr. Goldberg was not actually carrying openly, but merely not concealing well). Previous to the Goldberg case, no one discussed open carry as being legal, in any certain terms, and open carry was an extremely rare practice.

On various occasions at CCDL meetings in those days, Ed Peruta would show up and speak his piece, often "full of piss and vinegar", challenging people to get more involved. This would become a characteristic I admired in Ed. He both talked the talk and walked the walk.

Ed Peruta: Court Warrior

As time went on, I wanted to get more involved. I was carrying openly every day and talking to a lot of people. I was spreading the message, and assisting people to correctly interpret the existing

firearms laws and to get their pistol permits. It turned out that much of what most people 'knew' about pistol permits in Connecticut was incorrect. Through the Board of Firearms Permit Examiners (BFPE) and various other means, Ed Peruta was also spearheading many efforts to educate people and to fight against state corruption in the permit process.

When I was arrested in May of 2010 for carrying my pistol unconcealed in a pool hall in Wallingford, Connecticut, I called the leadership of CCDL to let them know what happened to see what advice they had for me. All the answers were the same: "Call Ed Peruta". So I did. Ed may or may not have remembered my name from the forum or from CCDL meetings; I suspect he didn't. It didn't make any differ-



Ed Peruta, winning plaintiff in the Peruta v San Diego case, as well as Director of Connecticut Carry.

ence. I talked to him early the next morning after the arrest, and by the time I called the PD to make a complaint, as he recommended, the officers I talked to at the Wallingford PD were asking me what had happened. As it turned out, the PD was being probed and pushed from all sides by 'some guy'. That guy turned out to be Ed Peruta who had launched his own investigation into the incident that sparked my arrest. He talked with anyone and everyone he could contact at the PD, including requesting records and documents. This was the first time I had seen him work on an investigation like this, and his forceful yet effective tactics were very impressive.

The Wallingford PD had not anticipated this, and they showed alarm at the immediate and strong reaction. I was grateful for Ed's guidance and wisdom, as this was all uncharted territory for me. By the time I left work that day I had received information that people believed that the pool hall in question had surveillance video of the entire hall. I mentioned this to Ed over the phone. His response was short and clear: "I am getting into the car, get over there and wait for me." When we arrived, the Wallingford police were already inside, supposedly trying to obtain the video, as well. The video "went missing" all of a sudden

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after that, even though the owner of the pool hall cannot accurately account for what happened to it. We were there though, and we were able to document that the police were the only ones to touch the equipment and which police cars were there at the scene.

Ed stuck with me during this testing period of my first activism related arrest. When I went to court on May 25th, I knew my case was going to be dismissed, because Ed had me calling the prosecutor nearly every day, hounding them for my 'file'. Eventually, the prosecutor's office got so tired of me calling and demanding their

Since my arrest, I had a lot of concern about whether I should 'lawyer up' before I went to court. Ed had encouraged me to appear 'pro se' (without lawyer) and promised to assist me if something came up that I could not handle, at which point I could seek an attorney. I was reluctant, but, I trusted Ed, and I am glad I did.

When I went to court, there were two other people with me, my longtime girlfriend Anna (who is still putting up with me after all these years), and Ed Peruta. Ed had me "working on" the prosecutor. Ed bolstered me to try to overcome my hesitation and reluctance to challenge the court

ute the doors opened. Despite our prepared presence and entrance when that court first opened its doors, the bailiffs, instead, kept giving priority to anyone with an attorney, even though the latter had appeared hours after we first arrived. Ed was right. This was and is a ridiculous process. The court room should be "first come, first served", and attorneys should not be given any privileges above anyone appearing 'pro se', as I appeared on my own behalf.

When my docket was finally called, I went to the defendant's spot and stood before the judge. The prosecutor immediately announced that they were moving to dismiss the case for 'no probable cause'. I was asked if I had any questions or anything to say, and I did, because Ed had coached me. I made sure to get it on the record that they were to issue, to me, the case transcript, disposition, and other administrative tasks.

I tend to think the court officials and prosecutor were almost as happy to get out of there as we were.

Since then, Ed has given as much or more help and consideration to anyone needing his help throughout Connecticut (and in other states as well). He works as [Attorney Rachel Baird's](#) legal investigator, a task that he is uniquely

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Rich Burgess, Plaintiff in Burgess v Wallingford and President of Connecticut Carry open carrying in front of the Wallingford Police department after his arrest.

time that they confided in me that they were not going to pursue the case, saying that I, therefore, did not need to call anymore. That didn't stop me from calling, but it sure gave me some hope.

and prosecutor. Meanwhile, Ed waged his own war on the bailiffs by challenging why they were disrespecting us even though we had been in court from the min-





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suited for and adept at. That is why Ed is Connecticut Carry's Director of Legal Affairs as well.

The Widening Gap

After my arrest, I started to speak up at the CCDL meetings I attended and kept the membership updated on my case. I had also started a blog (With Regards to Rights) to keep people informed of my experiences carrying unconcealed all around Connecticut. My stories and experiences were well received by the members present and I appreciated their words of encouragement. Ed was personally supporting and working on many cases at the time, trying to defend people who were being screwed by Connecticut police and courts.

When I realized that I would be taking the Wallingford case to a lawsuit against Wallingford, I set up a donation account and functionality on my blog site. I received about \$400 in contributions from very generous members that wanted to see me successful. I am still very grateful to those members as they gave me a lot of strength and confidence to persist in the fight. To date, I have personally spent easily over 50 – 75 times this amount in pursuing *Burgess v Wallingford*, despite [Attorney Rachel Baird](#) of Torrington being extremely kind and gracious with me and my case. Attorney



Baird is yet another person whom I have met on this journey and for whom I am eternally grateful. We are now seeking cert from the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) on this case. Recently, the Connecticut Carry Board of Directors voted to assist me in this pursuit with a very generous and much appreciated donation of \$2,500 towards cert. I abstained from the vote, of course, but the vote was otherwise unanimous. This was the first and only Connecticut Carry money to date that has been spent on [Burgess v Wallingford](#), and the first money that has gone to personally benefit me in any way. It was sent directly to Attorney Baird to cover printing and filing costs on the cert brief.

To date, no other organization has donated or contributed directly to [Burgess v Wallingford](#), despite many claiming to support or defend Connecticut residents, or

that they are 'pioneers' of the open carry cause in Connecticut. The NRA did provide some support to the Goldberg case several years prior, but that is a fairly rare occurrence. NRA support of the Goldberg case probably had a lot more to do with Attorney Baird being an excellent attorney than with the NRA actually backing open carry in Connecticut, as this has not traditionally been a fight that is on their radar.

At the time, this brought to the front of my attention that case financing was one of the main reasons that things were not changing in Connecticut. I believe this is still a critical factor. Everyone was too afraid to challenge the state or the laws because they would have to provide all the finances for their work, no matter how solid or righteous their case was. There

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have been many brave and adventurous citizens who have been ready to stand up for their rights, but most lack the funds to fight a case all the way through state and federal court. This has resulted in too many 'wins' for the state. Too often the issue of defendant finances has forced defendants to accept plea deals in the face of bogus legal charges and threats. Too often the judicial system has disrespected our laws, Constitution, and rights, simply because the government had the financial advantage over the defendant.

I approached the CCDL executive membership about this deficit and informed them of my desire to start a 'committee' (with at least a little autonomy) that could support activists in Connecticut. At a meeting, I presented to the executive members the tentatively named Defensive Action Response Committee (DARC). Not very catchy, I know, but it needed a name and I am not very creative.

This proposal would later form two-thirds of the initial founding goals of Connecticut Carry: Education and Legal Defense. The only major thing lacking from the proposal was transparency. At that time, I had not yet realized the importance, or deficit, of transparency. Since then, and before our founding, we've recognized and added transparency as a vital part

of our relationship with members and citizens. While I was writing and proposing the DARC proposal and apparently far before that time as well, Ed Peruta had been repeatedly asking for CCDL to set up a legal defense fund. He had received answers that it 'could not be done' with CCDL's legal structure. CCDL was and is a Connecticut corporation, but is not a federally recognized non-profit, and, therefore, apparently paying Federal taxes on their income at the time. It remains unclear if anything has changed with regard to CCDL tax structure and tax liability. To date, I cannot find any definitive information that anything has changed.

CCDL's insistence that DARC could not be implemented, along with the amount of money that CCDL took in at the time, and their reluctance to become a recognized nonprofit with incumbent reporting requirements, led Ed Peruta to start inquiring into the CCDL financial records, member list, director meeting minutes and organizational documents of the corporation. These things are all effectively public record to members of a corporation [by law](#) in Connecticut.

Most of this investigative work was done out of the view of CCDL members, and even I was unaware of most of it, until Ed became fed up with getting nowhere, which prompted him to post his infor-

mation request and the CCDL response [openly on opencarry.org](#). You can still see the thread and responses there, along with my initial confusion over why this was at all even an issue.

Filling the Gap

My own [DARC proposal](#) had been repeatedly ignored by CCDL, and I could not get answers about it from the organization privately or at meetings. After seeing that Ed was having similar issues, and after seeing what I felt were extremely inappropriate CCDL responses on the [opencarry.org](#) thread, I approached Ed and started talking to him about the possibility of starting an organization based on our three main mutual pillars: Transparency, Education and Legal Defense. From the start, I insisted (and Ed concurred) that if we did anything that all dealings, records and documents would be out in the open for any member to inspect. Director and Treasurer Don Mei joined us, insisting upon these goals as well and adding that we not have a sole concentration on just handguns, which was incorporated into our mission statement as well as our founding documents.

Connecticut Carry was born during the remainder of that year. I invested in many of the fees necessary to get the legal filings

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done, in spite of having to finance my Federal case at the same time. ‘Scraping together pennies’ is a pretty accurate description at that time. I spent countless hours and sleepless nights reading and researching the proper Federal nonprofit section under which to organize Connecticut Carry (this is where we came up with a 501(c)(4)). I felt as if I read “everything under the sun” about how to start and run a nonprofit. I also had to research and learn how to manage business accounting, as I wanted to ensure that from the start we would have great records that could be inspected by and reported to the members. I am an engineer by trade, not an accountant, but I quickly expanded my horizons.

This transparency, on which we founded Connecticut Carry, has

led to Director [meeting minutes](#) that have grown to 25 pages, chock full of each month’s financial records, a complete accounting of our merchandise sales and all of our director reports, decisions, and votes. We have also utilized our [monthly newsletter](#) that has grown to 40+ pages to help us explain our decision making process, our story, and our financial statements. When we were challenged by our own editor to answer questions about our finances, we not only answered him, but made them public in our newsletter and retroactively on our blog. Members responded very positively to this, and we have never discouraged others from requesting transparency on any issue they seek.

We felt and feel that doing things in the open and with obvious open honesty about our dealings is the proper way to run an orga-

nization. I have been approached many times in the past about backroom deals and tactics that others in the community feel are good ideas to deceive or trick ‘the other side’, and I have not found cause or justification to engage in those practices, and I am confident that our Board of Directors would not agree if I did want to engage in these shady dealings. We do everything open and publicly, whether being shady would be more effective or not. Because that is what we promise our members, and that is what we deliver.

Our educational materials are still growing, but we already have, without a doubt, the best publications on legal issues impacting the right to self-defense, that you are going to find published by a pro-rights organization in Connecticut. We have also produced DVDs that are packed with a truly insane amount of information (10+ hours of the best and brightest on both sides of this fight in Connecticut). Our website contains a huge wealth of information that you will not find elsewhere in Connecticut, and is now complemented by a member’s forum and blog, as well. We run regular seminars including my personal favorite: [The Rights, Responsibilities and Mindset of the Armed Citizen](#) instructed by our very own Director of Education Ray Johansen. This seminar, discussed in

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other articles and on [our website](#), is unique to Connecticut and has been so successful that it has gained a following of people who attend it whenever this seminar is offered, updating everyone with their own knowledge and experience, as well as offering their expertise, wisdom, and questions to each new seminar.

Our legal defense system is currently run by Director Ed Peruta, and we will soon be working on expanding our legal defense organizational potential in ways that are unprecedented in Connecticut, including a 501(c)(3) foundation to handle the monetary activates the right way. These enhancements have been very successful in other states and nationwide. I expect that will be one of our main goals and achievements next year, as Ed has very patiently waited for it to get underway.

So, when people ask why Connecticut Carry needs to exist, or what we do that other organizations do not do, we can easily answer: Transparency, Education

and Legal Defense. We are not here to try to compete with organizations that seek to spend their time making friends in the legislature or trying to support politicians. We have never thought that to be an effective use of our time or the money of our membership. While it is inevitable that we will be (and [have been](#)) involved in these areas, they are tertiary to our goals. We are here on the street level, fighting, educating, and supporting the citizens of Connecticut in the defense of their right to self-defense. This is where the gains will be made, and this is where we will continue to focus.

Bad Blood?

Along with these questions, we often get asked if that means that we somehow oppose or work against CCDL. The answer is 'No'. We support CCDL's mission and wish them nothing but success. But, we have different thoughts on how to reach the same overall goals. There is nothing at all wrong with having parallel efforts working on

the same goal through different means. If one organization cannot or will not encompass all of the avenues needed to fight the state's encroachment on our natural rights, then other organizations must stand up and fill those goals.

We have been attacked many times by various individuals who allege that we are somehow trying to undermine CCDL (in part, by us not relinquishing our assets to CCDL). Others say we should just become a fund raising organization for CCDL. However, having formed Connecticut Carry and seen its growing success, the Connecticut Carry leadership believes, and feels, that citizens see the worth of the services that we provide. We are especially convinced that Connecticut Carry's services to members and citizens accounts for the vast growth we have seen every year that we have existed. But, let there be NO MISTAKE, we have never and will never discourage our members from supporting any and all state or national organizations that our members believe are in support their rights as citizens.

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What do the Connecticut General Statutes say about corporate transparency?

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(b) A member is entitled to inspect and copy, during regular business hours at a reasonable location specified by the corporation, any of the following records of the corporation if he meets the requirements of subsection (c) of this section and gives the corporation written notice of his demand at least five business days before the date on which he wishes to inspect and copy: (1) Excerpts from minutes of any meeting of the board of directors, records of any action of a committee of the board of directors while acting in place of the board of directors on behalf of the corporation, minutes of any meeting of the members, if any, and records of action taken by the members, if any, or board of directors without a meeting, to the extent not subject to inspection under subsection (a) of this section; (2) accounting records of the corporation; and (3) the membership list.

(c) A member may inspect and copy the records described in subsection (b) of this section only if: (1) His demand is made in good faith and for a proper purpose; (2) he describes with reasonable particularity the purpose and the records he desires to inspect; and (3) the records are directly connected with this purpose.

(d) The right of inspection granted by this section may not be abolished or limited by a corporation's certificate of incorporation or bylaws.

(e) This section does not affect: (1) The right of a member to inspect records under section 33-1070 or, if the member is in litigation with the corporation, to the same extent as any other litigant; or (2) the power of a court, independently of sections 33-1000 to 33-1290, inclusive, to compel the production of corporate records for examination.





Help Wanted: Election Coordinator

We are currently in need of an Election Coordinator. This job function would be someone who is willing to immerse herself or himself in the election process here in Connecticut, from the local municipal level, to the top state positions. From the early campaigns, to primaries, and right through Election Day. The Election Coordinator will

be responsible for information gathering and strategizing. The Election Coordinator will report to Connecticut Carry's Board of Directors and will advise them of opportunities and advantages that Connecticut Carry should be addressing and exploiting.

A good to excellent knowledge of the Connecticut election process is a must. A willingness to attend po-

litical rallies and meetings, to write frequent reports. Being able to participate in direct communications with the board will be essential.

If you are interested in being a key player in the interfacing of Connecticut Carry with the elections, this is the job for you.

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Help Wanted: Event Organizer

We have a need for a person who can assist with organizing Connecticut Carry events. Currently, we have a backlog of events that we want to host, but we are still lacking enough manpower to make them happen. Tasks for this role will include finding event venues, scheduling events with the venues, working with Connecticut Carry to ensure proper equipment and arrangements are available on site, and

potentially overseeing the event on the day of the event as well.

Like all volunteer positions with Connecticut Carry, it will be up to you how much time you devote to this role. We are flexible and grateful for any help. If you can only contribute a small amount of time, you might end up working with other volunteers as a team.

We are willing to train on the job, as needed. No experience is neces-

sary. The major requirements are for people to be organized, reliable, good natured, and enthusiastic. A huge plus would be anyone experienced in event planning.

If you are interested in assisting us, we can discuss the various backlogs and tasks that are associated with filling this important role.

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Science Fiction's Not Always Fiction

WRITTEN: CRAIG SZWED

I watched a couple of old TV shows, the other night. They originally aired nineteen years ago (January 1995: Star Trek Deep Space Nine: Season 3: Episodes 11 & 12: Past Tense: Part 1 & 2). Those shows depicted the futuristic Star Trek crew accidentally being transported hundreds of years back in time, to the year 2024 when the United States Government was “protecting” citizens from themselves, and protecting its cronies, the power-hungry, and affluent society from the average citizen.



In the story, the U.S. Government incarcerated unemployed and marginally beneficial citizens, questionable and undesirable citizens, and the sick, in “sanctuaries”. They were all escorted at



FEMA accommodations.

official gun-point to a new life behind guarded walls and gates. Incarcerated citizens were given meager hand-outs, promises of possible jobs, even the hope of relocation. The government told prisoners that they were guests, and the detainment was for their own protection. The government made all sorts of promises to get citizens into the “sanctuaries”, yet, the “guests” always arrived at gun-point.

The government promises were vain. No jobs materialized. The food and medical care turned out to be a sham. Housing was inadequate. But, Government was positive and kept making promises to all newcomers. As the incarcerated citizens fought among themselves over the meager supplies and housing, the “sanctuaries” became free-for-all zones, which only strengthened

the government's opinion that such incarcerations were justified.

Only the police and guards had firearms, but the ghetto resident cliques were constantly at one another's throats as they tried to survive the prison conditions. Despite the lack of firearms ownership among the incarcerated citizens, there were many violent fatal acts among the prison-ghetto residents. Does it really surprise any of us, today, that, even in the story, all inmate violence was perpetrated with weapons other than firearms? The only time the inmates had firearms was when they finally seized arms from guards, when the jailed souls made their only bid for freedom, by taking hostages.

Unlike the clear intents of our Founders and our Founding Documents, and whether the Star

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Trek screen writers ever intended it that way or not, yet, even in those Star Trek stories the characters recognized that government has no respect for citizens from whom it can take the citizens' means of self-defense. The story further illustrated that the 'sheepishness' of people's unwillingness to defend themselves from government is what allows government to suppress and subjugate those of us who would otherwise elect to remain a free people. In other words, those who do not resist the evils of government are contributing to those evils, because they do not resist the evil.

These two Star Trek episodes could well have been written to predict the development and establishment of the U.S. reservation system that our government put together to 'handle' what used to be called "the Indian question" in this country. Those TV shows could also have been written to prophetically address the uprooting and incarceration



Native American accommodations.

of Americans of Japanese descent during World War II. The story speaks to the social, racial, political, and religious ghettos in Poland, Germany, Russia, Cambodia, and a hundred or thousand other places on Earth, over eons. Human nature is to disarm, slaughter, marginalize, or incarcerate those whom we distrust or dislike.

That Star Trek story had a troubled, but heroic, ending because a few of the characters cared enough to speak and act in truth to expose the lies about what was going on in 2024 U.S. society. Those who cared acted in faith

that their deeds meant something good then and there, and meant something good for posterity. In the story, those who cared to act in Truth and Principle did so for more than their own lives, just as our Founders cared more about Truth and Liberty than about their own safety or earthly wealth.

At the very end of Part 2, a puzzled and somewhat anxious Dr. Bashir emphatically asked, "How did it get so bad?" (Referring to the egregious abuses by government and powerful people, and the blind compliance by citizens who had

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been herded into prison facilities, and then left to rot.) To Bashir's question, Commander Sisko earnestly and perplexedly answered, "I don't know." The perplexity of their remarks, and the looks on their faces gave the impression that they were wondering if such violations of Liberty might happen again in human history. The two futuristic heroes did not seem to understand that people continually and almost always allow themselves to be herded, until the pain and horrors of their existence become too much to bear any longer.

Those Star Trek episodes were make-believe, 19 years ago, and yet, here we are, living in the screenwriters' future, 2014, only 10 years away from the Star Trek prediction of huge walled prison camps adjacent to our large cities. Daily, the internet rumor sites and chat rooms spread verifiable stories, as well as unsubstantiated rumors, of increased militarization of our local and state police forces, of secret interrogation and prison camps around our nation, of United Nations "pacification" training on U.S. soil, and of massive construction projects that are allegedly for the containment of dissident civilians. All of it is reported, or rumored, to be in place to protect U.S. citizens from ourselves. Obviously, Government thinks that it is a separate

responsible entity now, no longer accountable to anyone but itself, and that United States citizens are no longer capable of responsible thought or action. It should be clear to all U.S. citizens that the present unconstitutional government is increasingly afraid that 'the natives' are getting restless. Big Government is afraid of the many U.S. citizens who are working to

comments in the public record. Our current President hates our Constitution, and only uses it when he wants something from it. Otherwise, he neglects or goes around any part of it that annoys him. He thinks that he and his opinion are better than the wisdom of our Founders who wrote our Founding Documents. Although he did not start the attacks many



United Nations accommodations.

try to return our government to the way our Constitution and Bill of Rights state that government should be conducted. The powers of evil are afraid, and are willing to do anything they can in order to contain or stop citizens who choose to do Right in this world.

If that last paragraph seems far-fetched to the reader, then please consider the following thoughts that one can easily verify via internet searches of speeches and

decades ago, the current President is defiantly continuing to undermine our Constitution and our Bill of Rights. This President claims to have "taught constitutional law", yet, he has no clue what the Constitution and Bill of Rights mean to "the People" for whom our Constitution and its Amendments were written (and preserved to this day). President Obama has no respect for constitutional Rule

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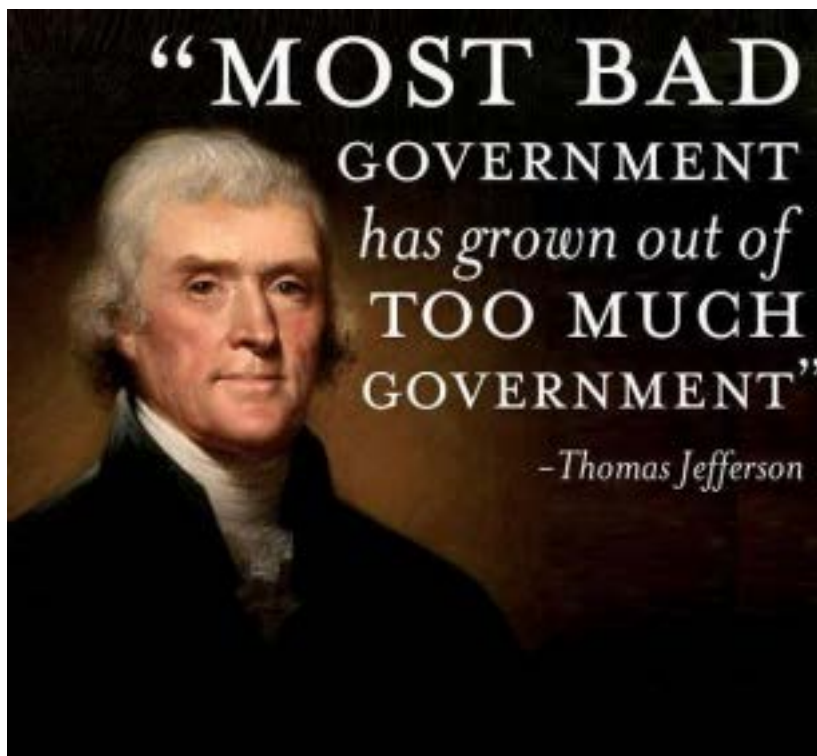
of Law, but continually buddies up with those who work to deprive law-abiding citizens of our “inalienable” Rights. The sitting President has even signed United Nations paperwork the end object of which is to try to disarm our own citizens. That unconstitutional agreement between our President and the UN infringes directly on our Constitution’s Second Amendment and would ultimately allow United Nations “Peacekeepers” to come onto our soil to help the government disarm our citizens. Is our U.S. Senate going to allow such an open attack against our Bill of Rights and our Sovereignty over our own affairs? Treaties like that helped fuel World War II.

While some of these facts and rumors may seem distant or ludicrous to many citizens, yet we cannot, rationally, deny the influence of power-hungry persons, organizations, and officials, inside and outside of government, as they persistently work to downplay, undermine, and destroy our Constitution and Bill of Rights. We cannot, rationally, ignore or

deny the many anti-firearms laws that have severely infringed upon our Rights to “Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness”, for our Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and Bill of Rights acknowledge our Natural Rights, not the least of which is the ability and Right to defend ourselves and each other. But, this is not just about pointing fingers at abusive government, for that is far too easy a solution. What of the Rights, Responsibilities, and “We, the People” as those are mentioned in our

Founding Documents?

Our Founders’ ideas and Ideals about Natural Rights of the Responsible Citizen, of the Individual having Rights and being Responsible for her or his own actions and freedoms, is HUGE! Biblical in origin, our Founders’ Ideals and Founding Documents were earth-shattering concepts at the time of their inscription on paper! Those Writings said and meant that humanity no longer had to be



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victims and puppets. Those Concepts meant that “We, the People” must be self-determining, NOT outward directed, that we MUST live by Law and Conscience together, by Spirit and mutual respect, that we must be as active in our exercise of our Responsibilities as we are in our pursuit of Freedom, and that “we, the People” are supposed to be active in governing government and holding it and ourselves accountable to “the People”, as comprised of every citizen of this Nation and its several States.

Today, immigrants to our Nation are appalled at the apathy they see among U.S. citizens. Newcomers read our Founding Documents, and they believe what they read, for it was written for all Mankind, as was the Bible. Our Founding Documents (based on biblical principles) confirm our instincts about our Natural Rights. Without Responsible Individuals there is no Responsible Mutuality between Individuals (as the story of Cain and Abel attests). Without Responsible Mutuality there is no Responsible State. Without Responsible States there is no Responsible Federalism.

Therefore, Responsible Federal Government is made from, and MUST SERVE both the Responsible States and the Responsible Individuals who make up the States. Responsible State Governments must serve Responsible Individual citizens, for all rests upon the Character of the Responsible Individuals who created what were supposed to be Responsible States, and the mutuality of those States created the Federal. We MUST ALL remember what our Founders designed and built, and why they did so... AND we must practice those high Principles. To forget those essentials is to play into the hands of elitists and power-hungry entities that would twist our government to their own ends continually, as it stands today. Weak Individuals across our Nation, and top-heavy, out-of-control government at the State and Federal levels, all have little regard, trust, or respect for one another any longer. Such decay is leading us toward totalitarianism that will eventually lead to revolution or anarchy.

Our ONLY hope, besides the coming of Jesus Christ, is that we recognize our need to participate

as Responsible Individuals who are willing to work to preserve and protect ourselves, our families, our towns, our states, and our nation. That leaves it all up to you and to me, as the ones who need to do the work of restoring our State and Nation, IF we are willing to be counted as Responsible Individuals. It is the Responsible Individual who lives to honor and respect our Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and Bill of Rights. It is the Responsible Individual who sacrificially lays down her or his life for family, friends, this State or Nation. It is the Responsible Individual who chooses to responsibly exercise her or his Rights. It is, ultimately, ONLY that Responsible Individual who can and must stand up for her or his own freedom on the basis of natural God-given Rights, as they are stated in our Founding Documents.

Just as in the Star Trek story, we cannot, rationally, deny the fact that all the anti-firearms laws of the past 80 years, or more, have only infringed on law-abiding citizens AND have done nothing to

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significantly slow or stop criminals or the insane from committing violent acts. Evil acts of all sorts continue because human nature has never changed, and never will, even when Jesus Christ rules all the nations on Earth with a “rod of iron”. Evil-minded people will always look for ways to exercise their evil intents. Government, that errantly, willfully, and foolishly pushes the Word of God away from itself, has opened itself to ignorant legislative and administrative pursuits that attempt to control and manipulate human behavior and attitudes, when those governmental actions have no grounding in fact, nor in science, nor in morality. It is, therefore, not surprising that incursions against our Rights continue to insidiously infiltrate one area of our lives after another. We cannot, rationally, ignore or deny the growing number of states that have “ag-gag” and “whistleblower” laws that forbid workers and citizens from exercising their Rights of responsible freedom of speech to

report unlawful, harmful, or risky activities by which employers put their workers or the public in jeopardy. With special interests and government collaborating to deny First Amendment Rights, even before our firearms are taken away, what will such unconstitutional attackers seek to do with us once they have stripped us completely of our Second Amendment Rights?! The U.S. prison-ghettos of the Star Trek story do not seem so far off, now, do they?

Responsible citizens and our State and Federal governments should be seeking how to best implement



the Ideals and Principles stated in our Constitution and Bill of Rights, but many U.S. citizens have ceased from performing their duty to work to make our Nation a constitutional work-in-progress. Many have given up on our Nation, being content to complain that our States and Nation are becoming more socialistic and dictatorial. Yes, our Federal Government has become the biggest self-interested industry in our Nation. The Federal Government is now an industry bent on self-preservation and growth of its power base (at the expense of the Individuals and States to which that Federal Government is supposed to be servant, not master). Though they have sworn to uphold and defend our Constitution, many officials of the Federal government and many State governments have attacked our Constitution and Bill of Rights repeatedly, in a quest to please special interest groups and to subjugate law-abiding citizens. It is the government that is sup-

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posed to be subject to the citizens. But, to keep government in check, citizens **MUST** actively exercise their responsibilities. We all need to become Responsible Individuals! We must **STOP** waiting for someone else to do the dirty work for us. Life is political and a battle. We **MUST** look out for ourselves and for one another, as we work to stop the destruction of our own character, our States, and our Nation.

How many times must historians, poets, and story writers foretell

our responsibilities and powers over to the government, instead of exercising our citizenship responsibilities for ourselves, along with our desire for liberty?

We can answer the remarks of Star Trek's Bashir and Sisko, constructively, and in the affirmative, by **NOT** giving up, by **NOT** being apathetic or complacent, by **NOT** being ignorantly compliant. We must exercise ourselves in the deliberate assertion that freedom and responsibility are inseparable partners, and we must take active roles in our town, state, and

know to be constitutionally lawful, just & good. We must lead where former or current leaders falter or fail, in order to establish ourselves as a righteous people according to God's Bible, our Constitution, and our Bill of Rights.

When we each stand up to be counted in this battle for humanity, then, oppression, marginalization, prison camps, ghettos, and bad laws **CAN BE PREVENTED** and **OVERCOME** because Responsible Individuals decide to take charge of their own lives, determining that no matter what the cost to Self that they must resist whenever evil seeks to herd us all into sin and social dysfunction... and I reiterate, **WE MUST RESIST** evil! We **MUST NOT** indulge fleshly or worldly tendencies nor give apathetic consent that would allow evil to do as it pleases. Look at what our Founders accomplished by offering themselves as living sacrifices to build this Nation! Look at what M. L. King, Jr., and Nelson Mandela accomplished! Look at what Jesus Christ accomplished!

Don't quit! Just do what's right, ...right now, ...because it is always now! God will handle the results.



the awful prophecy of “absolute power corrupts absolutely”? And, I would add to that, freedom without responsibility is often nothing but undisciplined, hedonistic, anarchy. How long will we U.S. citizens continue to give

national government, as we are capable of doing. Anything and everything constructive that we do is important, even if we simply speak up. We can and must honestly tell our officials, our neighbors, and our families those things that we



Ye Connecticut Gun Guild Gun Show

WRITTEN: RICH BURGESS

A gun show right in Middletown, Connecticut? How did that happen? Ye Connecticut Gun Guild (YCGG) hosts a show twice a year. In the past, it has been held at the Windsor Elks Club. We have attended this show many times, with YCGG inviting us as a free table which we absolutely appreciate. YCGG has also donated \$500 that went towards legal defense of Connecticut residents against anti-rights laws.

YCGG is a collector's organization, there is no doubt. Their show reflects this with many historical displays and vendors. Many times, including the most recent show on November 15th – November 16th, we watched many contemporary vendors work their magic at a show dominated by historical arms. While the YCGG

is a collector's organization, they have not excluded modern vendors. Unfortunately there are just that many modern vendors that do not know about or believe in gun shows in Connecticut.

Turnout this time was, in our opinion, better than past shows. From what we understand, there were at least a thousand people that passed through the doors. We had a constant presence at our table and we were kept pretty busy by people talking to us, asking questions and buying merchandise which is great for our organization and our membership.

The Middletown venue provided a brighter and more cheerful environment by having a lot of large windows providing natural light. This was appreciated, as the old venue in Windsor tended to be gloomy and depressing in comparison. Natural light makes a big difference in perception.

What we often hear while promoting a show like this is what is startling and disappointing. We get a lot of "What kind of guns do they have?", "Probably only beef jerky and Nazi memorabilia!", "Send us pictures of good stuff" and other questions and assertions that show not only an ig-

norance of the history of this show, but a general laziness and apathy towards supporting gun shows and organizations in the state.

The admission to this show was \$6.00. \$5.00 if you brought a copy of the ad that we posted all over our Facebook event advertisement that only needed to be printed out. Located pretty much in the exact center of the state, a maximum drive time of 1 – 1.5 hours was to be expected from any location in Connecticut. Driving an hour and spending \$5-\$6 would help support two of the major organizations that have been doing real work in Connecticut. It would also help support and encourage not only this

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gun show, but more gun shows in the state. What else would you get for \$5-6 in this industry that would be as worthwhile?

We hear all the time how rare people think gun shows are in the state. What do we all expect if no one will show up to the ones we have? The money from this show goes to fund the Ye Connecticut Gun Guild, a decades-old organization with one of the only civilian spots on the Board of Firearms Permit Examiners (BFPE), a position that has been inhabited for many years by the longest serving member of the board: Peter Kuck, treasurer of the YCGG. Peter has long been the only member of the BFPE that has consistently used the Second Amendment to help judge whether the BFPE would reverse the denials or overturn the revocations of resident's pistol permits.

If we lose Ye Connecticut Gun Guild, we lose another seat

on the BFPE. Since Ye Connecticut Gun Guild is largely financed by the gun shows they hold, not attending the gun shows is depriving the Guild of your much needed support.

In addition, we rely on these kinds of event to help boost our membership, revenue and community voice. Stopping by our table and making a donation helps, and buying merchandise that does not include shipping charges helps you save money while helping us increase our bottom line for the month/year. Plus, you get to meet Connecticut Carry members, volunteers and leadership that can answer your questions and help you with issues.

But out of our nearly 6,000 Facebook members that had this advertised to them pretty much every day leading up to the show, only a potential maximum of 1,000 showed up. We need to be able to show up in large numbers to every event that occurs in

this state. That is how we show our numbers and invite more events to be held. Instead of bemoaning the lack of black rifles, or whatever else you are looking for, show up and talk to the organizers of the show to politely let them know what they could do to gain your continued support.

We hold out hope that future events will be rallying points for people who truly want to support and advance the fight for our rights here in Connecticut. There is no better way to express your interest to the market than by attending and spending money at events that benefit us all.





Behind enemy lines. Report on the CT trip.

WRITTEN: MIKE VANDERBOEGH

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A Lesson in Humility, and Resistance.

A note to Malloy & Lawlor:
You screwed up. Be sure when you shove somebody off the fence that you know which side he's going to land on.

It's been a week since I came back from Connecticut. The trip was a lesson in humility and resistance. I was convinced on Friday evening that it was a disaster all of my own making. By Saturday night, I had been humbled and inspired -- by my own mistakes and the stout determination of those I met to resist tyranny. Here's what I wrote in my journal notes of Friday afternoon. I headed it: "A Cluster Coital Trip So Far."

Schedules off by a mile, computer failures, screw-ups in communication, all can be laid directly or indirectly at my door. That said, there are a number of people here on our own side who don't want me here (and yes they are on our side).

I am viewed as too radioactive, controversial, whatever. I am loathe to criticize them for I have the luxury of speaking my mind and leaving, whereas they are stuck facing the beast long after I will be more or less safe in free Alabama.

The ad hoc way this was organized (or I should say disorganized) may make the entire exercise a waste of time. For that I have only myself to blame although at each turn I made B.A.D. decisions -- "Best Available Data." The failure to issue the press release in a timely fashion was forced by the uncertainties of travel, venues and timing which in turn were dictated by the uncertainties of funding. Even when things came together it was evident that I was two steps behind. Still I remain convinced that I need to be here even if the failures of planning and execution are all my own.

In retrospect, I will be hesitant to risk the waste of volunteer resources without a willing host on the ground. Lesson learned, but again the fault is mine and not theirs. Perhaps I'm being prematurely pessimistic and tomorrow will prove the opposite. We'll see.

I wrote that while sitting in Panera Bread after talking with Professor Robert Churchill for a few hours. We exchanged books. He gave me a signed copy of his [To Shake Their Guns in the Tyrant's Face](#), and gave him a copy of Sharyl Attkisson's [Stonewalled](#), with the notation "I didn't write this, but I AM in it." He also

brought me some leftover paperwork to sign from when he interviewed me and obtained copies of some of my militia files, which he will be donating to an archive.

We talked about current events and he spoke of the clash between the "urban class" and the "country class." Connecticut, he believed was irretrievably "urban class." I commented that if this clash of world views was carried to its logical conclusion, that states such as Connecticut would see something that could be described as, if not ethnic cleansing, then certainly political cleansing.

After he left, it occurred to me that what Malloy, Commissar Lawlor and their ilk were doing was forcing folks to choose sides. I was reminded of the old truism in Southern politics that when you endeavor to shove somebody off the fence, you should know in advance what side they will land on. I reflected grimly that the proto-tyrants of Connecticut were trying to do just that -- to shove their opponents behind prison wire. But then, it occurred to me, wire -- and fire -- works both ways.

I jotted those notes above after Professor Churchill left, and

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read them to Rosey as we waited for folks who didn't show up. She asked me, "Are you going to post that?" I said that I might. She counseled me not to, saying that I should await Saturday's events. "Folks have a right to know how I screwed this up," I countered. Still, she insisted, I should wait to see what the morrow would bring. A wise lady.

We spent the night at the home of a great couple who had invited us when they knew we would be coming to Connecticut. That alone takes a certain amount of courage in today's oppressive environment in their state, and we were thankful and grateful for the support.

My host and I left early the next morning to attend the Ye Connecticut Gun Guild's show in Middletown. I felt better after some sleep, but still convicted that I had wasted a lot of folk's money on the exercise.

I needn't have worried. The folks I met at the gun show not only restored my faith in their determination to engage in -- and capacity for -- resistance, they also convinced me that the trip had NOT been a waste, press coverage or not, speech venue or not. Indeed, I may have accomplished more by the private conversations I had than if my initial plan had played out the way I had hoped.

Talking with folks on the ground

behind enemy lines convinced me of a couple of things. Frist and foremost is that Malloy and his minions in state government (although perhaps not Commissar Lawlor) are still being restrained by their fear of what will happen if they try to enforce the law (despite what they are telling Pinciario and the other confiscationists who want raids right now. The CSP leadership apparently conducted a private little poll of potential storm troopers to see how many would be willing to follow orders to enforce the law and came up woefully short on their hopes and expectations.

I'll also tell you this. If they do get stupid and issue such orders, there are enough Three Percenters on the ground who will resist such a force of arms with their own defensive violence. Of this, the leadership of the Connecticut State Police is convinced. Based on my own experiences on Saturday, that is certainly the case.

But in the wake of the reelection of Malloy, our side is not merely reduced to that zero sum game. The men and women of Connecticut's resistance movement are coming up with all manner of perfectly legal but out-of-the-box thinking to resist without violence and some of this I offered to help them with. If I were the principals on the other side of this, knowing that I had participated all my life in the corrupt politics of

one of the most corrupt states in the country, I would start getting nervous when I noticed that some folks were asking pointed questions about certain deals. I would also be on the lookout for private investigators building files. There is more than one way for the mice to deter the predatory cats, and that's one feline at a time. Perfectly legal. Perfectly frightening to the crooked politician.

I also ran into some folks who have known Commissar Lawlor all his life. Get that? ALL his life. For example, I picked up the report that even when he was young, Lawlor displayed -- for years -- the crossed flags of the United States and the Soviet Union on his wall, much like this US/USSR Friendship Flag lapel pin first made popular in Communist Party of the USA circles in the run-up to American entry into World War II.



No wonder the CIA didn't want Lawlor to go to work for them and kept a close eye on him after he returned from behind the Iron Curtain during the height of the Cold War.

Oh, yes, this trip was VERY useful

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and illuminating and not nearly the wasteful fiasco I had feared. Certainly the men and women of [Connecticut Carry](#) and [Ye Connecticut Gun Guild](#) gladdened my heart with their own determination to resist Malloy's Intolerable Act by every legal means. If I lived in Connecticut I would belong to both of those organizations.

More importantly, it also demonstrated the timidity of the Connecticut state authorities. I was reminded of a line from *The Walls Came Tumbling Down* by Gale Stokes about the collapse of communism in eastern Europe. Stokes in this passage is talking about the oppressive regime of the Ceausescus in Romania: "It has been said that a good political machine thrives on the visibility of its rewards and the certainty of its punishments." When the "benefits" became obvious lies and even the security apparatus tasked with oppressing the regime's enemies turned reluctant, the Ceausescus were dragged out and summarily shot on Christmas Day, 1989, twenty five years ago this 25 December.



Nicolae Ceausescu's merry Christmas, 1989. A cautionary tale for the Malloys and Lawlors of this world to ponder.

The fact that despite every thing I have done to provoke Malloy's bully boys in the CSP -- the smuggling, the public defiance, the posting of names, addresses and phone numbers of their tyrannical masters, the fact that I DARED come back into their state publicly despite their open criminal investigation of me and their crude attempts to use my own local Sheriff to pressure me -- merely demonstrates their indecision, their lack of will, their impotence in the face of defiance of their "laws" and their "legitimacy." Indeed, it reinforces the perception of their illegitimacy.



The "great and powerful" Wizard of Oz.

Lawlor is reported to have called me, among other things, a "son of bitch." You know, the fictional Toto as written by L. Frank Baum was a "son of a bitch." (Although in an unkind cut, a female dog was used in the 1939 movie.) Like the Wizard of Oz, Commissar Lawlor and his toadies demand that we pay no attention to the little, timorous men behind the curtain. Yet by the defiance of their own citizens and certain visiting

unpleasant sons of bitches like me (to use Lawlor's characterization) who don't mind drawing back that curtain, the curtain is indeed drawn back for all to see. The Wizard, it seems, is not so scary and has fears of his own.



Beware the little SOBs of this world -- especially if you hide behind curtains of alleged legitimacy and invincibility.

You know, I think I'll be going back to Connecticut early next year. Maybe I can throw a bucket of the cold water of truth on Commissar Lawlor and we'll see if he melts.



"You cursed brat! Look what you've done! I'm melting! melting! Oh, what a world! What a world!" - The Wicked Witch of the West



Meeting Mike Vanderboegh of Sipsy Street Irregulars

WRITTEN: RICH BURGESS

Mike Vanderboegh is a very interesting character in our community. He has proven to be quite polarizing and quite controversial. One thing is for sure, he is deep into defending and fighting alongside us for our rights to defend ourselves and deserves great respect for doing so.

Residing in Alabama, Mike Vanderboegh writes for '[Sipsy Street Irregulars](#)', a blog that is his own creation and has become world renowned. He writes about many things, but some of the most notable in the past few years were his investigative and reporting work on breaking the Fast and Furious scandal alongside [David Codrea](#). He has also written in depth about the [Ruby Ridge](#) and [Waco](#) sieges and about the right to keep and bear arms along with government opposition and actions meant to destroy the right.

Recently, he has taken on assisting in educating and mobilizing people to fight against the [Connecticut 2013 Gun Ban](#) as he sees this as a [battleground state](#), like so many other people in the pro-rights community do as well. Mike Vanderboegh does take the 'battleground' part a little more literally and seriously than

others do, as he was around for the militia movements of the 90s that were fueled by the Waco and Ruby Ridge murders by the Federal government. In that, we differ a bit from Mike. We do not believe that the state of Connecticut is interested in or capable of full scale door to door confiscation. We also do not believe that we are on the verge of an all-out civil war in Connecticut.

Mike Vanderboegh also happens to be the founder of the '[Three Percenter](#)' movement; a status that has resulted in no lack of heartburn for his enemies in



state and federal governments.

Controversy follows Mike as he not only openly admits, but [proudly advertises](#) his smuggling exploits in bringing 'illegal' magazines, ammunition and firearms

into states like Colorado and Connecticut after their respective gun bans were passed. He also issued [repeated warnings](#) to the [state officials](#) of Connecticut, New York and Colorado to not attempt confiscations against the respective residents of those states. The Southern Poverty Law Center has [denounced](#) Mike Vanderboegh as some kind of 'Domestic Terrorist', despite his constant writings about militias and the force that they may need to apply someday being [purely defensive](#). According to Mike, some organizations in Connecticut have apparently cut ties with him deeming him 'too controversial' as well.

Connecticut Carry does not feel that way. We do not see reason to discourage or cut ties with someone who is fighting alongside us to make Connecticut residents safer. As far as committing supposed 'crimes' like bringing once legal ammunition feeding devices across state lines, we think that is between Mike and the Connecticut State Police, but we always appreciate our members or prospective members being better armed or educated.

We also recognize the positive

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What is a “Three Percenter”?

During the American Revolution, the active forces in the field against the King’s tyranny never amounted to more than 3% of the colonists. They were in turn actively supported by perhaps 10% of the population. In addition to these revolutionaries were perhaps another 20% who favored their cause but did little or nothing to support it. Another one-third of the population sided with the King (by the end of the war there were actually more Americans fighting FOR the King than there were in the field against him) and the final third took no side, blew with the wind and took what came.

Three Percenters today do not claim that we represent 3% of the American people, although we might. That theory has not yet been tested. We DO claim that we represent at least 3% of American gun owners, which is still a healthy number somewhere in the neighborhood of 3 million people. History, for good or ill, is made by determined minorities. We are one such minority. So too are the current enemies of the Founders’ Republic. What remains, then, is the test of will and skill to determine who shall shape the future of our nation.

The Three Percent today are gun owners who will not disarm, will not compromise and will no longer back up at the passage of the next gun control act. Three Percenters say quite explicitly that we will not obey any further circumscription of our traditional liberties and will defend ourselves if attacked. We intend to maintain our God-given natural rights to liberty and property, and that means most especially the right to keep and bear arms. Thus, we are committed to the restoration of the Founders’ Republic, and are willing to fight, die and, if forced by any would-be oppressor, to kill in the defense of ourselves and the Constitution that we all took an oath to uphold against enemies foreign and domestic.

From: <http://sipseystreetirregulars.blogspot.com/2014/06/a-brief-three-percent-catechism.html>

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contribution of Mike’s visit and his defiance of our state officials. Mike [announced on his blog](#) and through a [formal press release](#) that he would be coming to Connecticut to “[Defy. Resist. Evade and Smuggle](#)”. He did not try hard to hide his actions or to evade the Connecticut State Police, however, nor was any resistance needed to defy the State Police by smuggling his wares. In fact, the Connecticut State Police were nowhere to be found. They made no attempts to apprehend a known arms smuggler (one conspicuously wearing a very obvious ‘[Arms Smuggler’ hat](#) all over the place).

The fact is, the 2013 Gun Ban is a long and comprehensive set of edicts that are largely unenforceable written and ‘enforced’ by people with too weak a stomach to try and enforce those laws on anyone that they believe will fight back. Instead, they look for anyone that they can victimize easily and demonize in the media to keep public support behind their heavy hand. Mike was here demonstrating the impotence of the King’s edicts, just as we did when we put up our challenge for the state to ‘[Shit or get off the pot](#)’ with regards to enforcing the 2013 Gun Ban. We were considered controversial by the same people and groups then, so we can understand Mike’s frustration at such

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cowardice in the face of stating simple and obvious facts of life.

Mike publicized that he would spend Saturday at the [Ye Connecticut Gun Guild gun show](#), and that is exactly what he did,



sharing table space and talking to people about what is going on in Connecticut and what we need to be ready for. We also attended at least one brainstorming session on what some possible courses of action were to be and Mike 'held court' with anyone and everyone that would listen as they explored the show.

I must admit, I found it a bit surreal to meet Mike Vanderboegh. Just a few years ago I was reading his blog (which is still on my daily reading list) and trying to find anything '3 Percent' related. I would (and still do) wear shirts and hats with the logo and I hung the Nyberg Battle flag to show my position on our rights. And now, here I was sitting around a table sharing stories and opinions of our '[boots on the ground](#)' in Connecticut with Mike Vanderboegh himself. What a small world...

Anyway, I want to thank Mike Vanderboegh for all the work he does to support us in Connecticut, specifically [Connecticut Carry](#), and the work he does nationally. This is a worthy fight, and this



is a person worthy of you giving your attention to. [Read his blog](#), [send him your thoughts](#) and support and make sure you show up to future events. You never know who will surprise us with their presence, and you never know who you will meet...

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