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Hello Fellow CARGO Members,

The next meeting will be held at Napoli's on **Thursday, July 21.**

We will meet at Napoli's in Wylie.

Napoli's
701 N Highway 78 # A
Wylie, TX 75098

For the dinner portion of the meeting, we will be in the meeting room between 5:45 and 7:00 for food and fellowship. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM and run until about 9:00.

Under the new Texas Open Carry Law, you could be committing an offence if you remove your pistol from its holster while open carrying. While at Napoli's DO NOT remove your pistol from its holster unless it is an emergency.

Member Don Bridges has volunteered his shop for the meeting. There are a very limited number of chairs at the shop, so please bring a camp chair for the meeting. We will meet there from 7:00 (ish) until 9:00 (ish)

The address is:

2274 EAST Brown Street in Wylie

While heading east on Brown Street, it is 1/2 mile past stop sign that's at the intersection of Brown Street and Kreymer Lane on the right hand side.

The shop is behind a small white house with a picket fence around the front yard.





Meeting gun topics:

- With all of the attacks around the country and world many people are much more aware of their own safety and security.
 - What have you done to change or increase your security posture?
 - **What tools have you added to keep you and your family safer? If so, bring it to the meeting.**
- Have you been asked by a firearms novice for help or advice about firearms, personal safety, CHL, HCL?
 - If so, what advice have you provided? **If you have suggested a certain firearm and you have an example, bring it to the meeting.**
 - What resources are you using to help them?
- If you have changed your firearms, updated them or added anything new in your security routine, please come prepared to share that with the club.
- **Do you have anything new or different to share, bring it along!**
- **Colonel Jeff Cooper is quoted as saying, "... that the point of a handgun was to fight your way to a rifle." (<http://the2ndamendment.com/jeff-coopers-rifle/>)**
- **What handgun do you have to fight your way to what rifle? Bring both to the meeting.**

If you have any suggestions for future speakers or topics please send your feedback to CARGO@att.net.

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CA Governor Signs Major Gun Control Bills: Mag Ban, ‘Assault Weapons’ Ban, Database for Ammo Purchasers, More

by S.H. Blannelberry on July 1, 2016

Editor’s Note: *The following is a news alert from the National Shooting Sports Foundation, the firearms industry trade association. All I can say at this point is... actually, I’m speechless. This is bad. Really, really bad!*

The National Shooting Sports Foundation is extremely disappointed that Gov. Brown today chose to sign into law these highly restrictive and unneeded gun control measures, all of which will affect law-abiding Californians while doing nothing to stop the criminal misuse of firearms. By acting within 24 hours after being sent these bills, and not allowing the public to voice their opinions in order to depart for his European vacation, the governor compounded the miscarriage of legislative process and procedure while demonstrating disdain for Californians who now face laws that clearly infringe on their Constitutional rights.

Gov. Brown **SIGNED** the following bills into law:

- [AB 1135](#) (Levine) and [SB 880](#) (Hall) Firearms: assault weapons – Expands the definition of assault weapons based on whether a semiautomatic firearm has a detachable magazine, banning thousands of popular firearms.
- [SB 1235](#) (de Leon) Ammunition – Requires authorization to purchase ammunition and track what and how much ammunition each person buys, creating a database of ammunition purchasers.
- [SB 1446](#) (Hancock) Firearms: magazine capacity – Makes it illegal to possess magazines capable of holding more than 10 rounds no matter how long a person has owned them.
- [AB 1511](#) (Santiago) Firearms: lending – Makes it illegal to loan a firearm to a person who is personally known to you (except for family members with restrictions).
- [AB 1695](#) (Bonta) Firearms: false reports – Creates a 10-year prohibition on owning firearms for someone convicted of falsely reporting a lost or stolen firearm.

Gov. Brown **VETOED** to the following bills:

- [SB 894](#) (Jackson) Firearms: lost or stolen: reports – Would have made it a crime not to report lost and stolen firearms to law enforcement within the arbitrary time limit. [Governor’s Veto Message](#)
- [AB 1673](#) (Gipson) Firearms: unfinished frame or receiver – Would have expanded the definition of a firearm to include partially finished frames and receivers (no definition of what this means) and require their registration. [Governor’s Veto Message](#)
- [AB 1674](#) (Santiago) Firearms: transfers – Would have made it illegal to buy or receive more than one firearm in any 30 day period. [Governor’s Veto Message](#)

Contact Gov. Brown's office today and voice your frustration with his hastiness to sign these bills less than 24 hours after receiving the bills, not allowing the public sufficient time to provide their input. This echoes the Legislature's disregard for legislative rules and procedural abuse, once again not allowing the public a sufficient amount of time to give input on the pending legislation.

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Cali Gun Owners Defiantly Respond to New Gun Laws

by Max Slowik on July 7, 2016

This summer California law makers passed sweeping, deeply controversial — and ultimately, unconstitutional — new gun control measures. These gun laws include an expanded “assault weapons” ban, a magazine ban, mandatory background checks for ammunition sales and ammo tracking and more. California gun owners are responding with a combination of creative submission and noncompliance.

One of the biggest targets with the gun control package was the “Bullet Button,” a device that transformed so-called “assault weapons” into unregistered semi-automatic firearms. Bullet buttons lock magazines in place and require a tool to unload magazines. The new law redefines these as “assault weapon” components and requires registry with California's assault weapons database.

Darin Prince, the inventor of the original Bullet Button, has already responded to the new package with an updated, 2016 California-compliant “[Bullet Button Reloaded](#).” The updated design for AR-style rifles no longer needs a tool, but only works with the gun disassembled. ARs take down quickly and easily with the push or pull of a single pin. Just like that, at least with ARs, the bullet button ban is a non-issue.

Solutions for other gun patterns will take more time to develop. We're sure that gun owners will figure out ways to engineer around the new gun control laws. But other gun designs won't have as elegant solutions as the Bullet Button Reloaded, and some may not be fixable at all. What will California's gun owners do about those? And what about the other gun laws that engineering can't get around, like the magazine ban and the ammo database?

Many Californian gun owners are saying they just won't comply with the new laws. This weekend several dozen protesters gathered around California's Cesar Chavez Plaza. They were there to show solidarity in their refusal to observe the 2016 gun control package.

“I went over to the officers and asked them, ‘Do we look like criminals to you?’” said protester Steve Sarvar [to the Sacramento Bee](#). “And they all said that no, we didn't. But then I told them that this legislation that's just been signed into law is going to turn ordinary people into criminals.”

That is, if the bulk of these laws are ever actually enforced. One can imagine that the courts will use them as tack-on charges during the prosecution of hardened criminals, who will inevitably disobey them. But for

everyday gun owners, the real onus on enforcing these laws is on the individual, not law enforcement. And that's if they're even aware of what these laws mean for them.

On top of that, many of these laws don't go into effect for some time. This gives gun owners a sizeable window to develop a legal strategy against the gun control package. Like the Bullet Button Reloaded, people have been working on strategies to deal with this gun control package for some time.

“There needs to be a complaint filed with an injunction because these are an unconstitutional set of laws that have been passed,” said Jorge Riley, president of the Sacramento chapter of the conservative California Republic Assembly. “They shouldn't be able to become laws until they are reviewed by a judge. It's unconstitutional, that's why we have judicial review.”

As far as the ammunition background check system and registry goes, we're sure that ammo sales in neighboring states will rise as long as these laws are in effect. And for the rest, it's not as if there's any incentive for gun owners to turn themselves in.

One thing's for sure and it's that for gun control advocates, there is no “compromise,” and that their long-term goal is a complete ban via patchwork legislation.

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KORWIN: People With Guns Don't Kill People, Criminals With Guns Kill People!

by Alan Korwin on July 5, 2016

Part 1

Liberal and progressive gun controllers aren't afraid of criminals with guns. They're afraid of honest people with guns. They're afraid of *you*. And your gun.

Just look at the laws Hillary, Bernie and Obama are pressing their minions to support—laws that would limit, restrict and disarm the public, the average gun-owning American. New taxes to make arms cost more, letting police have more and better ammo than you can have (to fight off the same bad guys), make non-criminals liable for criminals' actions, arbitrary lists of people not charged with anything who can have their guns taken away. These aren't anti-crime laws, they're anti you laws.

That's why liberals like so-called "gun-free" zones. It keeps you out. Discrimination is fine, if it stops your civil right to arms, because they fear your kind.

No one is stupid enough to think a gun-free-zone sticker keeps out bank robbers and muggers and jihadis. That makes no sense even to progressives.

It is you they want disarmed. It is you they fear. Despite the evidence, despite the fact that crime has dropped since licensees and armed citizens now number in the tens of millions. Despite the false cries of wolf as every single state in the Union got some form of Right to Carry restored. Facts matter little to the truly fearful.



No Guns Allowed = Soft target.

The progressive and liberal anti-gun-rights advocates aren't showing concern for stopping or deterring true threats to their safety, that's the bizarre part. They literally provide opportunity for assault upon themselves—as

long as they feel they have stopped their fellow man. This is what so many of us on the rational conservative bench have been missing.

This is why it seems like irrational behavior to us—the majority of Americans, the gun bearing public. It seems irrational—because it is irrational. Disarming your neighbors, at a restaurant for example, but doing nothing to disarm or even provide obstacles to your adversaries, is madness. And *progressives don't recognize the fact*: “In this building we are protected by this sign.” That makes sense to them. God help us. They don't believe in God.

This is why every new law the left proposes goes after the millions of Americans who legally own guns, instead of criminals who can't have guns in the first place. When they meet massive resistance they're flummoxed. We don't see any enhanced criminal-disarming programs, true gangster-enforcement policies, real sentences, rehab that isn't contagion, model laws to [protect the innocent or advance civil rights](#), we get nothing for progress from the progressives.

Progressives R Regressive aim to disarm us, we the people. That's because we scare them more than criminals scare them. To them, we are the threat. The very fact that we may be adults, capable and actually bearing arms, this is what they seek to stop, not crime. They understand implicitly that by using their great social powers they have gotten the dangerous criminals mostly contained, and at each others' throats, in the bad parts of town. The ghettos, if they'd stop calling it the inner cities.

Part II

Enormous self-evident facts have been lost in the national debate about disarming or [subarming](#) the American public. We now have about 100 million people armed, in something like [60 million](#) armed American homes. Raise or lower those figures by some percentage if you are pro this or anti that (the Ph.D.'s [do not agree](#) precisely), but that's the ballpark. It's a lot, by any standard. [The Worldwide Gun Owner's Guide](#) places us in the Top Ten of nations with armed publics (which is virtually all nations to some degree).

Now, all those armed people, in all those armed homes—they have nothing to do with the astounding murder rate reported recently for, say, [Chicago](#)—or any of the other murder and crime zones the news media proliferates like eye-and-mind candy.

They never have been and they never will be. That's due to one simple fact the media, and especially the anti-gun-rights people don't want to face, which they prefer to distort and pretend doesn't exist. To the greatest extent: **People with guns don't shoot each other. Criminals with guns shoot each other.**

Decent people who buy guns by the millions every month go through the background checks, or avoid the FBI lists and background checks and buy used guns from friends and relatives. They have no intention of doing anyone any harm, *and don't*. They live their entire lives, armed to the teeth, and die peacefully in their beds, leaving their caches to their families, in their wills. Or they sell them to other good people, when they get real old.

These bedrock facts are lost on the [hoplophobes](#) (people with morbid fear of guns). The talking-head “news” pundits and others who are terrified of guns and gun owners have no clue. Their understanding of the subject—standing way outside the real world—is distorted and affected by one of their two washing machines—not the one for their clothes, the one with the 55-inch flat screen for their brains.

Gunless people get zero accurate news about what real people with real guns do with those things, and it doesn't include killing people. That's what criminals with guns do.

In the real world, guns save lives. Guns stop crime. Guns protect you. Guns are for safety. Guns are fun. Guns are fun? How often does any of that make the “news”? Guns are why America is still free. And you thought the news was fair and balanced. People with guns don’t kill people. Criminals do. People are what you call, “good.” Like you, reading this, and your friends and relatives.

Real people with guns go through about ten billion rounds of ammunition annually. Did you know that? *And no one dies*. They use it at the range, and for plinking (informal target practice outdoors), and hunting, and for stockpiling in case it’s needed (like water, batteries, candles, canned goods and other reasonable measures against the perils of modern life). Virtually all of the guns made, sold and owned in this country have never been fired in a hostile situation. Kind of like fire extinguishers — only when desperately needed.

Look around the world at the strife, the massive migrations, and after you finish telling yourself it could never happen here, make sure you at least have candles. And water. Maybe precious metals too—lead and brass. And don’t be an idiot, practice, like the rest of us. You’ve got to at least be able to outshoot the criminals. Who shoot people. If they come out of the bad part of town.

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University of Texas professors file suit opposing looming campus carry law

7/07/16 | by [Chris Eger](#)

Three female professors at UT Austin have filed suit over a campus carry law to take effect next month, arguing in part that it would limit their ability to talk about controversial subjects. (Photo: Gun Free UT)

With gun free zones on Texas colleges and universities set to change next month, three UT professors have filed suit against the state on free speech, due process and equal protection grounds.

Last year Republican Gov. Greg Abbott [signed SB 11](#) to allow licensed holders to concealed carry their handguns on college campuses while granting university presidents the ability to carve out some areas that will remain gun free zones. In response, schools such as the [Texas A&M](#) and [Texas State](#) have opted to implement new guidelines after much debate and public discourse that include, among others, restrictions on carry in student housing.

UT in Austin in February chose to [allow partially loaded guns in class](#) and ban them in dorms and other locations despite [threats of legal action](#) from faculty who were in opposition.

Now with the law set to kick in August 1, three professors have kept their promise and filed suit in federal court Wednesday naming Texas Atty Gen. Ken Paxton, UT President Gregory Fenves and members of the Board of Regents in their official capacity, as defendants seeking a federal injunction on campus carry.

The professors include [Dr. Jennifer Lynn Glass](#), the Barbara Bush Professor of Liberal Arts; [Dr. Lisa Moore](#), the pending Archibald T. Hill Professor of English and Women's and Gender Studies; and [Dr. Mia Carter](#), an associate professor of English and Modern Studies.

Attorneys for the faculty members argue that concealed carry permits in the Lone Star State are lacking.

“Handgun regulation in Texas and nationwide is notoriously weak and inefficient, with gaping loopholes and outright voids. The consequence is that, in Texas, the carrying of hand- guns is not ‘well-regulated’ within the meaning of the Second Amendment because there has not been the imposition of proper discipline and training,” read [court documents](#).

Further, they contend the state legislature acted recklessly in passing SB 11 and their rights to free speech are hindered by a mandate by the college to allow lawful concealed carry in their classes.

“Compelling professors at a public university to allow, without any limitation or restriction, students to carry concealed guns in their classrooms chills their First Amendment rights to academic freedom,” contends the suit— going on to explain that Glass, in particular, fears for her safety as she covers topics such as abortion and unwanted pregnancies.

“She has witnessed in her own classroom a verbally aggressive student, disappointed in a grade handed out during class, displaying a level of animosity and aggressiveness toward Professor Glass’s teaching assistant that, had the current concealed carry rule been in place, would have left her hesitant to confront the student in defense of her teaching assistant and urge a reasoned discussion of the matter at hand,” argues the filing.

Moore, who teaches a class on LGBT Literature and Culture, and Carter, who teaches, “controversial topics such as imperialism and power structures related to sexuality and gender” have similar concerns.

Further, they go on to argue that since they cannot exercise their individual option to forbid handguns in their classrooms under the “well-regulated” clause of the Second Amendment, their due process and equal protection rights are being trampled.

Gun Free UT, a group of faculty, students and alumni in opposition to the university’s new campus carry policy, [supports the actions](#) of the professors.

Second Amendment groups, on the other hand, are stunned.

“It boggles my mind how people so ignorant of history, so disrespectful to liberty, and so utterly offensive to intelligence get jobs teaching at one of the best colleges in the nation,” Open Carry Texas President CJ Grisham told Guns.com Wednesday. “These professors are wasting their time and government tax dollars fighting on such a laughable and embarrassing premise.”

Grisham took particular exception to the fact that the preamble of the professors’ suit references the upcoming 50th anniversary of UT mass murderer Charles Whitman who on August 1, 1966 climbed the 28th-floor observation deck of the Main Building on campus and killed 16.

Author Chris McNabb, in his book “Deadly Force: Firearms and American Law Enforcement, from the Wild West to the Streets of Today” credited numerous armed civilians on and near the campus with forcing Whitman to seek cover, saving lives by limiting his field of fire during the event.

“The anniversary, though I’m sure not intentional since August is when school starts in Texas as it has every year, is actually quite symbolic and I’m perplexed that not a single Professor has mentioned this,” said Grisham. “In reality, I know it’s because they prefer to reinvent history to suit their agenda. 50 years ago, students with guns were able to suppress Whitman’s killing spree. Armed students on campus, 50 years ago, assisted law enforcement in taking Whitman down and preventing more casualties. So, it’s fitting that the day campus carry takes effect is the day students can again arm themselves in self-defense.”

The professors are seeking a mandatory injunction permanently prohibiting any state statute, rule, regulation, or policy compelling them to allow the concealed carrying of handguns in their classrooms, as well as legal fees.

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Tennessee businesses that prohibit guns will be held liable for customers' safety



By WVLT Staff |

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(WVLT) -- A Tennessee law that went into effect July 1, 2016 deals specifically with businesses that prohibit firearms on the premises.

Under the law, these businesses will be responsible for the safety of customers with handgun carry permits while these customers are on the premise or going to and from where their gun is stored.

This responsibility covers instances of other customers' behavior, trespassers, employees' conduct, vicious or wild animals, and defensible man-made and natural hazards.

A customer who is harmed during these instances while at these businesses may sue the business.

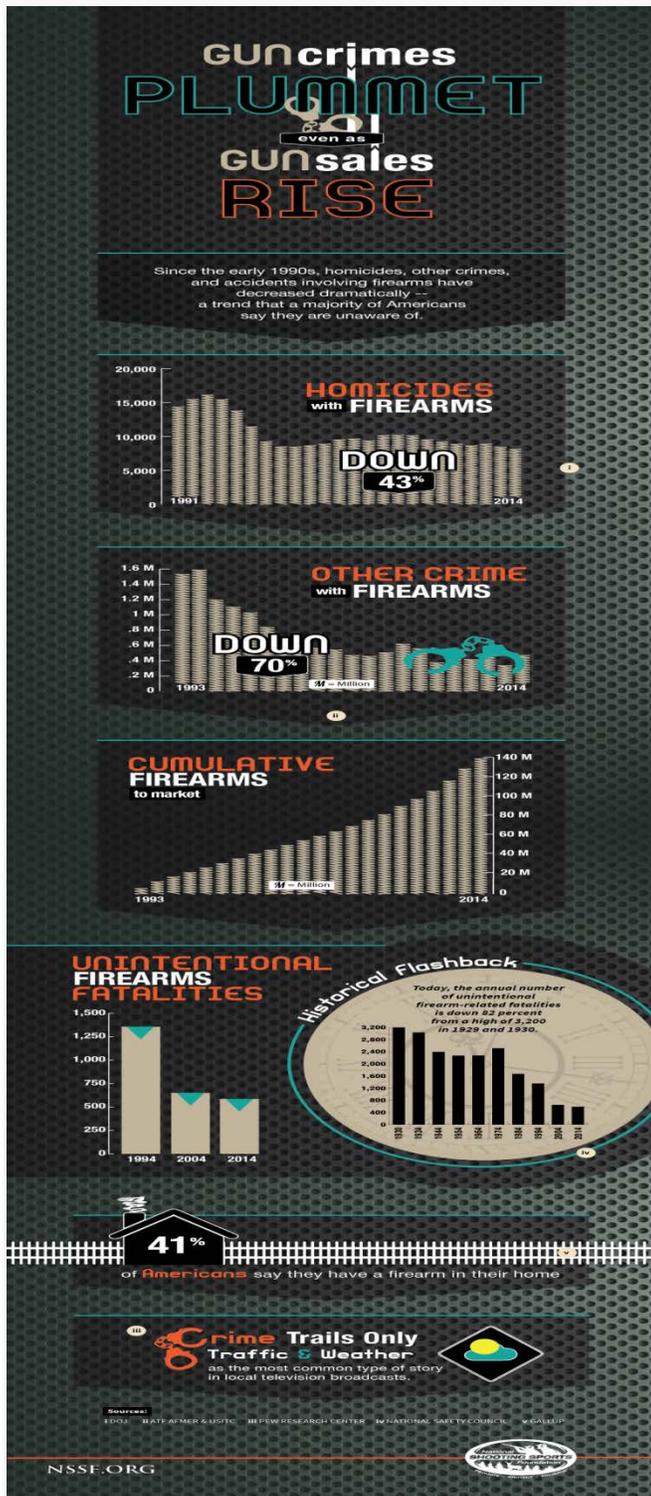
Businesses are not held liable if they prohibit guns by posting signage as part of Tenn. Code Ann. 39-17-1359. You can read the specifics of that code on law.justia.com.

You can read the bill in full on wapp.capitol.tn.gov

Gun Sales Up, Crime Rates Down?

By [Dave Dolbee](#) published on July 11, 2016 in [General](#), [News](#)

The facts are on our side! Not that politicians are always known for following the facts, nor are the anti gunners, but *The Shooter's Log* has them compliments of the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) and now you do too.



The facts are on your side. All you have to do is use them...

As the **NSSF's new infographic** shows, violent crime continues its downward trend, even as the firearms market has seen more and more growth over the past two decades. Fortunately, we also see the number of firearm accidents dropping year after year. One thing is clear: punishing the law-abiding firearms owners in the U.S. and the federally regulated firearms and ammunition industry for the criminal acts of terrorists and madmen cannot be justified by data. These pictures are worth a 1,000 words.

- Gun Crimes vs. Gun Sales
- Homicide Rates
- Firearm Crimes
- Firearm Ownership
- Unintentional Firearm Fatalities

Now that you are armed with these facts, how will you use them this election season? Share your activities in the comment section.



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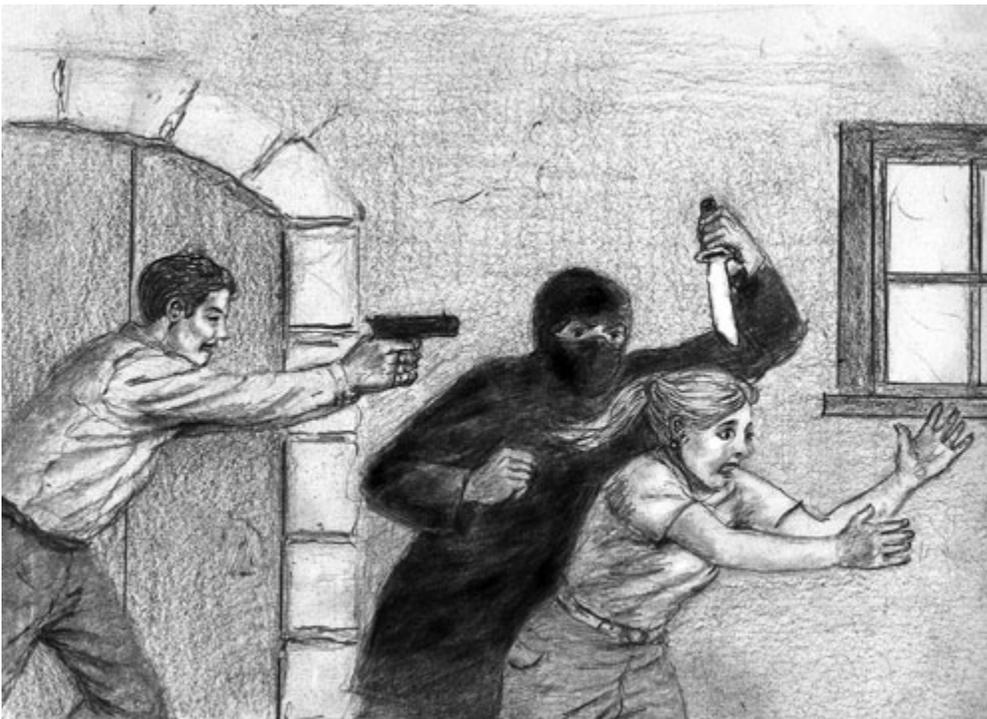
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Defending against terroristic mass murder

By Massad Ayoub



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My friend Rich Grassi is a retired cop, a masterful instructor, and one of the best writers in the tactical field today. He recently wrote that it would be wise to carry a gun all the time, given the spate of terroristic mass murders in this country and elsewhere. Someone wrote back that the likelihood of being able to stop such a thing was less than that of winning the lottery.



Rusty Jacks (above) killed the killer in the Tyler, Texas mass shooting, after the slaughter was stopped by an armed citizen, Mark Wilson, who died at the scene. This plaque (below) in the Tyler town square shows the community's gratitude for the armed citizen's sacrifice.

In Memory of
MARK ALAN WILSON
1953 -2005



"Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."
John 15:13

Tyler resident Mark Alan Wilson fell here on February 24, 2005, after giving his life in an attempt to protect fellow citizens and end an armed gunman's assault on the Smith County Courthouse. Mr. Wilson, a resident of downtown Tyler, was among dozens who witnessed the gunman armed with an assault rifle and bulletproof vest shoot his ex-wife and son as they entered the Courthouse. Mr. Wilson responded by retrieving his weapon from his apartment overlooking the Courthouse and firing on the gunman in an attempt to end the assault. While he saved the life of the gunman's son, who lay wounded on the courthouse steps, Mr. Wilson was mortally wounded in the exchange. This memorial stands as a tribute to his bravery and sacrifice for the citizens of Tyler.

The critic simply didn't get it. Someone is going to win every lottery. More mass murder attempts are going to happen in this country. The more good people who are in place armed and ready to stop it, the less the toll of death and maiming and tragedy is going to be. Yes, it is that simple.

Recent lessons from Israel

A good friend of mine, Jeff Chudwin, is a retired police chief and internationally recognized master of tactics. Here are just a few recent incidents Jeff has passed along, drawn largely from the national Israeli intelligence provider, DEBKA (www.debka.com).

"Soldiers at the Gush Etzion intersection shot dead a terrorist as he was running at them with an open knife Friday. Earlier, at the Sha'ar Binyamin industrial zone, soldiers picked up two youths on their way to stabbing Israelis. The car which dropped them off is sought."

March 9, 2016, 9:05 AM (IDT): *"According to initial reports, an Israeli was seriously injured in a vehicular attack near Jerusalem's Damascus Gate on Wednesday morning."*

March 9, 2016, 10:11 AM (IDT): *"A knife-wielding Palestinian terrorist attempted to stab IDF soldiers manning Salafi checkpoint on Wednesday morning, but the soldiers opened fire and killed him. None of the soldiers were injured."*

March 9, 2016, 8:47 AM (IDT): *"A 54-year-old Uruguayan Jewish businessman, David Fremd, was stabbed to death on Tuesday by a Muslim terrorist in the city of Paysandú, located in western Uruguay near the Argentinian border. Fremd's son sustained serious injuries in the attack and was hospitalized. The terrorist, a 35-year-old man with a criminal record, was arrested. He later admitted under questioning that he stabbed Fremd out of an intention to attack the Jewish community."*

March 4, 2016, 8:39 AM (IDT): *"A Palestinian woman in a car tried to run down a group of Israeli soldiers at the Gush Etzion intersection Friday morning. They opened fire and shot her dead at the wheel after one of the soldiers was injured. A knife was found in the car."*

March 3, 2016, 2:03 PM (IDT): *"A pair of female terrorists with assault rifles and grenades who attacked a bus transporting police in Istanbul on Thursday morning and then fled the scene were located and shot dead about two hours later by an elite counterterror unit. One of the policemen on the bus sustained minor injuries."*

In another incident, two attempted stabbings of IDF soldiers thwarted; terrorist killed. *"Two attacks by knife-wielding Palestinians against IDF soldiers were thwarted on Sunday morning. In the first incident near Bnei Naim in the Hebron area, a terrorist tried to force open the door of an IDF vehicle in order to stab the soldiers inside. The terrorist was shot, subdued and arrested. Later, at the Habitot intersection near Tapuah, a terrorist attempted to stab a group of soldiers, but he was shot and killed. None of the soldiers were injured in either incident."*

The list goes on. Let's look at some obvious lessons.

First, the above list did not take years to accumulate. These incidents piled up within days of one another. While the problem is certainly chronic, it is also acute and increasing in its intensity.

Second, look at how many of these were swiftly cut short as soon as even one of the proverbial "good guys with guns" were able to make their presence felt.

Third, notice that when "good people with guns" were not present, the terrorists inflicted horrible injuries until they got tired of doing so.

Dangers of intervention



A Glock 22 in the hands of armed citizen Nick Meli stopped a mass murder without firing a shot, just days before the Sandy Hook atrocity, where no armed citizens were present.

Obviously, intervening in a highly tense situation involving rapid movement carries great risks. Here is an example, again from DEBKA: *"IDF reserve officer dies in accidental shooting while neutralizing terrorist. Capt. Eliav Gelman, 31, an IDF reserve officer from Karmeit Tsar died Wednesday of gunshot wounds inflicted accidentally by soldiers who opened fire when they saw him struggling with a Palestinian terrorist who was stabbing him. The incident occurred at the Gush Etzion intersection. Intense efforts made at the hospital failed to save his life. Capt. Gelman is survived by a wife and two small children. He is the 33rd fatality of the current wave of Palestinian terror."*

This danger has to be recognized in any such situation. Israel, after due consideration, has determined that the danger of friendly fire is far outweighed by the obviously much greater danger posed by actual murder or attempted murder taking place in the immediate here and now. Thus, according to one source, *"In view of the prevalence of Palestinian terrorist attacks in civilian locations, IDF Chief of Staff Gadi Eisenkot issued new orders for combat soldiers to keep their weapons when going off duty. Until now, they handed their guns in before going on leave except in special circumstances. The order was changed Monday following a public outcry after 1st Sgt Yanai Weissman, 21, was stabbed to death on Feb. 18 when he took on a Palestinian terrorist on a killing rampage in a supermarket although he was unarmed."*

The gun prohibitionists here in the States decry the armed citizen concept, claiming that "untrained civilians" will open fire wildly hoping to stop the mass-murderer and kill each other. The following is worth saying in all caps: NOTHING LIKE THAT HAS OCCURRED IN THE UNITED STATES, EVER!



A snub-nose .38 (like this S&W 637 Airweight) in the hands of armed citizen Charl van Wyk, drove off a heavily-armed terrorist band in Cape Town, South Africa. This specimen is equipped with Crimson Trace LaserGrip sighting unit, a useful thing in, say, a darkened theater.

Here in the US, another danger became apparent in June of 2014. A whacko far-right couple assassinated police officers Alyn Beck and Igor Soldo, who were having lunch in a pizza joint, then ran into a nearby WalMart where the male fired a shot into the ceiling and cried out, "The revolution has begun." Joseph Wilcox, an armed citizen with a gun permit, drew his 9mm Glock and followed the male suspect, but the female suspect who had lagged behind the male unseen approached the Good Samaritan from behind and shot him dead. The murderous couple died minutes later in a gunfight with responding LVMPD officers.

On 10/8/15 in the *International Business Times*, Michael Kaplan wrote a news story titled "Israeli Civilians To Take Up Arms? Jerusalem Mayor Tells Citizens To Carry Weapons As Violence In City Continues To Soar." Wrote Kaplan, "Deputy Defense Minister Eli Ben-Dahan has joined the call for all Israeli citizens licensed to carry weapons to do so, following a stabbing in the coastal Israeli city of Tel-Aviv. He reportedly said any terrorist who chooses to stab someone with a knife should expect to be shot in response, according to the Jewish Press." Continued Kaplan, "Several high-ranking Israeli officials have called on civilians to start carrying weapons around the clock, following a spate of stabbings and shootings by Palestinians in Jerusalem in recent days, *Ha'aretz* reported Thursday. 'It's like doing reserve duty,' Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat said during an interview with Army Radio Thursday morning, according to the Israeli newspaper. A police commander of Ashdod made a similar call during a town hall council meeting in the coastal Israeli city."

We've seen something similar stateside. Shortly after the San Bernardino mass murder by terrorists late last year, NBC News' Jacquellena Carrero reported, "Several sheriffs are urging Americans to take the fight against terrorism into their own hands in the wake of the mass shooting in San Bernardino, California. Sheriffs in New York, Florida, and Kentucky are joining a growing chorus asking Americans who are licensed to carry guns to do so. Ulster County, New York, Sheriff Paul J. Van Blarcum issued a statement urging New Yorkers to carry firearms just one day after Tashfeen Malik and Syed Rizwan Farook carried out their attack, which killed 14 people last week."

Carrero added, "Sheriff Michael Helmig wrote in an open letter to residents of Boone County in northern Kentucky that it's their "responsibility" to protect the country from domestic terrorism. 'I have reminded my current and retired Deputy Sheriffs of their responsibility to carry their firearms while off-duty,' Helmig said. 'I would also like to remind the people who have applied, been trained, and issued a license to carry a Concealed Deadly Weapon (CCDW) that they also have a responsibility to carry their firearm, which they are proficient with, for the safety of themselves and others.' Brevard County, Florida, Sheriff Wayne Ivey said in a video message that citizens carrying guns could be the first line of defense in active-shooter situations."



Practice shooting from behind cover. Here, the author is using the support beam to replicate the corner of a heavy wall.

Cases in point

In America, as in Israel, there have been cases where armed citizens have prevented mass murder. In Israel several years ago, a housewife in a marketplace saw a man about to detonate a bomb vest; before he could do so, she drew her concealed handgun and shot him dead. In the Clackamas Mall in Oregon within days of the Sandy Hook atrocity some 3,000 miles away, a man opened fire with an AR15. A 22-year-old man with a concealed carry permit, Nick Meli, drew down on him with a Glock .40, and the killer broke off his attack. He fled through an "employee only" door, ran down a hallway, and killed himself, his deadly mission totally aborted by a good citizen who never had to fire a shot.

None of us can forget the July 20, 2012 atrocity in the Aurora, Colorado theater where a mad dog killer shot 82 people, 12 fatally, before meekly surrendering to the first armed person he saw rather than be gunned down himself. Though other theaters were closer to his home or held a greater number of innocent victims, he chose the only one in that radius which was marked as a "gun-free zone," guaranteeing that none of his victims could shoot back. (And people wonder why I call "gun-free zones" hunting preserves for psychopathic murderers.)

But how many remember a mass murder aborted less than three months before in the same state, on April 22 of that year in Denver? That particular murderer opened fire at the New Destiny Church, and was only able to claim one victim—the pastor's mother—before an armed parishioner drew his own legally-concealed handgun and shot the killer dead. It was estimated that 30 or more lives were saved when that particular killer was shortstopped.

And, speaking of church shootings in Colorado: a few years earlier, a madman burst into the New Life Church in Colorado Springs, firing as he came. Volunteer church security member Jeanne Assam ran toward him, firing her Beretta 9mm as she went, and cut him down with so many bullet wounds he was only able to fire one more shot ... into himself. Jeanne Assam was credited with saving as many as a hundred lives that day.

Nick Meli was a private citizen when he stopped the Clackamas Mall spree. Antonio Milow was an off-duty cop when he killed the killer in Denver and halted the victim toll at one. Jeanne Assam was a former cop, now an armed citizen, when she cut down the murderer in Colorado Springs.

It doesn't matter whether "the good guy (or gal)" is carrying on a celluloid card that says "law enforcement officer" or "concealed carry permit." What matters is that the good guy or gal is there with the wherewithal — a gun, a skilled hand, and the fortitude — to stop the murders.



Capability of accurate shooting will be critical in such a situation. Here, fast brain-shot-size groups are practiced from 15 yards with Wilson Combat Beretta Compact Carry 9mm pistol.

Suggested tactics

Some suggestions if you are caught up in such an incident, and are capable of using a gun to stop it: Don't draw your gun until you have *absolutely, certainly* identified your target, and are ready to apply force. In all the predictable tumult, you don't know what other good guys and gals are turning to see what they can do to stop it. They've heard the shots and screams, they see you, an unidentifiable person with a gun ... and they may jump to the wrong conclusion. And, if the killer has an as-yet-unseen partner, you could end up like the martyred hero Joseph Wilcox in Las Vegas.

In the same vein, once you have the killer down, holster as soon as possible. You don't know if other good folks, including arriving officers, have come in knowing someone is killing the innocent, and has just seen "unidentifiable you" gun down a man they don't realize is the real danger. Minimizing the possibility of a mistaken identity shooting on either side of your gun is imperative.

Understand that marksmanship skill will be critical! The scenario is likely to contain multiple, panicking, running, innocent people. More and more, police are training to go for brain shots on terrorists. They may be wearing "bomb vests" that can be detonated by a bullet's impact, killing or maiming every innocent victim within a radius of many yards of the wearer. They may also be wearing bullet-resistant vests. In Tyler, Texas, some years ago, heroic armed citizen Mark Wilson stopped a mass murder at a courthouse when he shot down the AK-wielding gunman. However, his bullets had stopped on the murderer's concealed ballistic vest, and while Wilson was reloading, he was killed when the gunman jumped back up and shot him. The killer fled, and

was subsequently slain by a heroic Tyler cop, Rusty Jacks, whose hand I am proud to say I was later able to shake in congratulation.

Another rationale for the brain shot was seen in a recent case in Israel, which you can find on Google or YouTube. Security cameras caught the jihadi using his car to run up on the sidewalk and crush a rabbi to death, and then jump out of the vehicle and begin stabbing. An armed citizen shot him down. He jumped back up, was shot down again, and then it happened *again*. Two lessons: a brain shot keeps killers down, and the 9mm full metal ammunition believed to have been used in that incident is notorious for poor "stopping power." Have your handgun loaded with hollow points: they're distinctly more dynamic on body shots, and also less likely to ricochet off a human skull and be deflected from their underlying target.

With all those bystanders in mind, be prepared to drop to kneeling or a deep crouch when you fire, so a bullet that misses or over-penetrates the killer is more likely to pass over the heads of anyone behind him.

And, as always, take the best cover you can. Whether he's dispensing bullets or bombs, you're in the path of the killer's destruction.

The bottom line

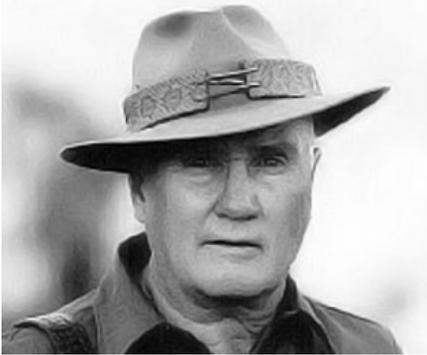
Any of us is unlikely to be the person in place to stop a mass murder, whether the event was triggered by psychosis or religious fanaticism. *But no one who ever faced it thought it was going to happen that day, either.* The senior citizen traffic cop who used his Glock .45 service pistol to drop two carbine-armed jihadis in Garland, Texas, before they could kill any of their intended victims ... Charl van Wyk, the armed citizen who used a snub-nose 5-shot .38 to engage four terrorists armed with machine guns and hand grenades and cut short the massacre at the St. James Church in Cape Town, South Africa in 1993 ... and all the too-many-to-name-here "good guys with guns" who have stopped mass murders, didn't think it would happen on that day, either.

It's not about the odds, it's about the stakes.

You, who by choice are reading a magazine dedicated to self-reliance, don't need me to tell you that.

But there are people in your lives— and people who make the laws that guide our lives in this country— who need *you* to tell *them* these proven facts.

Jeff Cooper's Rifle



Col. Jeff Cooper

Col. Jeff Cooper, the Father of the Modern Pistol Technique, admitted readily that the point of a handgun was to fight your way to a rifle. Most of us these days don't think that way. Most folks in his time didn't think that way either. Please don't mistake me; I am not talking about just those in law enforcement or a similar vocation. I'm talking about the every-man. If you have the ability to safely transport a good fighting rifle in your trunk, why wouldn't you? If it is safe and secure, what is a downside? True, if you want it to work for you, you can't just throw it back there and forget about it, but pulling it out to clean it up won't kill you. Not having it might. Though some play this game of life by seeing what they can get away with, I prefer to find out how prepared I can be. I am not a "prepper" to the point of not knowing where my hopefully normal life will lead me the following day and I don't have a bunker filled with MREs to run to, but I do have some spare water bottles, granola bars, and first aid goods in the trunk of the family car. So when it seems to apply to the situations I plan on finding myself in, I add a good, agile sporting rifle to the mix.

Ruger has produced a rifle dubbed the Gunsite Scout Rifle. It is a variation of the classic M77. With an overall length of 39" it's pretty easy to maneuver, and the ten round box magazine is a handy upgrade from an M77's standard internal setup. It employs a Mauser style claw extractor, that, whatever your taste, cannot be ignored. I am not a fan of three position safeties, but that's a personal preference.



Ruger Gunsite Scout Rifle

The crisp iron sights aid the accuracy, and a picatinny rail is on board should you desire optical aid. This rifle is clearly capable of meeting the good Colonel's requirement of reaching 300 meters and dropping 800-plus pound game, caliber depending of course. Adjustable length of pull ensures a proper fit, and in my experience Ruger is a high-quality, workhorse of a firearm. I've had an M77 in .308 for over a decade, and it will shoot just as good as could be desired.

It seems to be that the crux of the issue with this rifle isn't really the rifle. It's the always accompanying question, "Would this be Jeff Cooper's rifle"? Some of the criteria he laid out were that it be magazine fed bolt action. And now we shall step into JB's feeble mind and see what reasoning can be forced onto these pages...

I am incredibly lazy. So much so that I have almost no original ideas. I like to pour through the works and practices of smart folks, and then piece together bits that work for my desired overall goal. So, with great respect, here is where I would have to part ways with Col. Cooper and his thought process.

When we're talking broad ANYTHING, it's with the assumption that a specialty item would do various specific tasks better, but not all of us can have a full gun safe, or toolbox, or garage, or whatever. .30-06 is a cartridge capable of taking any game in North America, and it probably almost has. That doesn't mean I'd pick it for both moose and squirrel given the option.

When I think of myself in a position that will require agility, accuracy, dependability, and capacity, it is very hard for me to ignore a simple AK-47. I have a couple of them, and while they were originally acquired because I didn't know how long I'd be able to legally get 'em, I have become more and more impressed with their versatility. To some, this may have been obvious. That doesn't surprise me. I like being stubborn. Shooting AK's that weren't left over from the Cold War pleasantly surprised me. There are manufactures out there that can get you anything you want for them, and they're easy to clean and work on. 7.62x39 is a proven round, and deer really don't like them.

When I am asked what I think someone's first rifle should be, I ask him or her what he or she thinks about AK-47s. I was a hard sell, and I expect nothing less within the circles I abide in. We can talk more about AK's latter.

Please don't misunderstand me. The Ruger Gunsite is a fine firearm. If you already have a home defense rifle you feel can protect your home in a Katrina-like aftershock, you will not be disappointed with purchasing one. The Gunsite Scout Rifle can do many things, and all of them well. My humble and presumably incorrect opinion would be, however, that if you're looking for a jack-of-all-trades rifle, don't assume that the manual bolt will work itself as fast as a semi's, or that the 10 rounder will hold more rounds than just that. Do the research into your own expectations, think about it and pray about it, and you may be surprised.

JB.

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It was only a month ago that Orlando saw 49 people killed and 53 others wounded in a terrorist attack at the Pulse night club. A tragedy that kicked off the latest round of gun-grabbing attempts, but one that's been eclipsed by recent events.

Since then we've seen what looks like an ever-increasing downward spiral towards anarchy that has no end in sight.

Off the top of my head, we've had a failed coup? in Turkey, police officers ambushed and killed in Dallas and Baton Rouge as well as attacked in St Louis, Milwaukee, Tennessee, and Georgia. Another terrorist attack in Nice that killed 84 people when the perpetrator drove a truck through a crowd.



No proposed gun legislation would have prevented any of these incidents, and instead, now more than ever it is clear that every citizen is responsible for their own safety and must have the means to defend themselves and their families.

Our "leadership" continues to blame everything and everyone except the perpetrators. If that's not enough, the last month saw the FBI conclude after an extensive investigation that Secretary of State Hillary Clinton broke the law, and in the same breath recommended that nothing be done about it. The President and Attorney General have no say in the matter.

This week the Republican National Convention will take place in Cleveland. The DHS and FBI are already warning about the threats of 'Violence' and 'Terror'.

Let us hope and pray for a safe RNC in Cleveland, and for tensions to ease all over. At the same time, show your support and appreciation for those in law enforcement who put their lives on the line each and every day.

trust,” explains the ATF. “Any person who has the capability to exercise such power and possesses, directly or indirectly, the power or authority under any trust instrument, or under State law, to receive, possess, ship, transport, deliver, transfer, or otherwise dispose of a firearm for, or on behalf of, the trust” is a responsible person.

According to the ATF, responsible persons include:

- Settlers/Grantors
- Trustees
- Partners
- Members
- Officers
- Board members
- Owners
- Beneficiaries – if said beneficiary has the capability to exercise any of the powers or authorities enumerated above.

The ATF published [a guide to understanding 41F](#) on their website. It also includes the revised forms for making, transferring and registering NFA-regulated material.

The guide is on the dense side, and a lot of people are going to have questions about the new process for running gun trusts. The ATF has set up an email address specifically to help people muddle through the changes. “If you have additional questions or need assistance regarding 41F, contact us at 41F@atf.gov.”

Common NFA-regulated guns include short-barreled rifles, short-barreled shotguns, and increasingly popular suppressors, among a few other types of restricted firearms (including registered machine guns).



The XDM-45 Threaded with a SilencerCo Osprey 45 suppressor. These are going to be a lot more common from here on.

So while 41F adds a new set of burdens for gun trust-ship, it also makes it possible for many individuals to add NFA-regulated guns and accessories to their collection.

With these changes a lot of individuals are going to run out and buy a single multi-caliber suppressor and register a short-barreled rifle receiver and call it good. As frustrating as 41F seems at first, it will pave the way to a big boom in NFA-regulated gun owners. Suppressor manufacturers are already gearing up for the impending spike in demand.

Gun trusts are likely to remain the primary way for the majority of people and businesses to enjoy NFA-regulated equipment for the foreseeable future. As long as the responsible persons listed by the trust haven't changed they will receive a 2-year exemption on print cards and photos for 2 years following an approved transfer.

“You won't need to provide fingerprint cards or a 5320.23 with photos – or even a copy of your trust, if you've had any approval within the preceding 2-year period and your trust hasn't changed,” explains the Silencer Shop. The Silencer shop is working on a new, fast-moving system for buying and transferring NFA-regulated gear post-41F. For more on that [head over to the Firearm Blog](#).

“In response to these changes, SureFire has been increasing production to battle the ever-increasing demand for suppressors as their popularity grows throughout the United States,” [reports AmmoLand](#).

It's not possible to know completely how 41F will affect the NFA circuit today. A lot of questions will only be answered through trial and error as gun owners test the new system. And 41F may require further changes in the future.

What do you think of 41F? Are you considering buying some NFA-regulated gear as an individual now that the CLEO signoff is no more?

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Big-Bore CCW! New Smith & Wesson M&P .45 ACP Shield—Full Review

by Justin Opinion on July 6, 2016



The new .45 ACP Shield from Smith & Wesson expands the line to include this ever-popular, big-bore cartridge.

For more information, visit www.smith-wesson.com.

To purchase a Smith & Wesson Shield pistol on GunsAmerica.com, click this link: <https://www.gunsamerica.com/Search.aspx?T=Shield%20Smith>.

There is likely no segment of the firearms market that is more crowded with choices than the concealed carry handgun market. The lion's share of consumer choice in that market is the 9mm, and among the plethora of single-stack sub-compact 9mms available Smith & Wesson's [M&P Shield](#) reigns supreme. If you own one you know why. And for those who wanted ballistic performance in excess of the 9mm cartridge, the Shield has also long been available in .40 S&W (after all, who doesn't offer the caliber that bears one's own name!). That left only one segment of folks wanting – but when that group wants, they want louder than anybody. There are just those who feel that no line of handguns is complete until it is offered in .45 ACP. Well folks, Christmas is coming about six months early this year – because the new Smith & Wesson [.45 ACP M&P Shield](#) is here at last!

Making the early announcement at the 2016 NRA Annual Meeting, Smith & Wesson effectively drowned out

anything that anyone else was talking about. From that opening day at NRAAM to now, the .45 Shield has been the buzz. And unlike many other new models that are talked about, displayed, and sometimes even demonstrated – this one really exists. And it's on its way to your local gun store right now. Hold on – before you grab your sleeping bag and twelve months of gun magazines to camp out in front of the store – read on and I'll tell you more about it.



S&W M&P 45 SHIELD

- Weight: 20.5 oz.
- Length: 6.45"
- Height: 4.88" (flush magazine)
- Barrel: 3.3"
- Caliber: .45 ACP
- Sight Radius: 5 ½"



S&W M&P 45 SHIELD

- Width: 1.05" (with slide stop)
- Capacity: 6+1 : 7+1
- Action: Striker fired
- Frame: Polymer
- Slide and barrel: Stainless Steel, Armornite finish
- MSRP: \$479

My test and evaluation (T&E) copy of the 45 Shield arrived with the optional manual thumb safety, but thankfully without the magazine disconnect safety. Copies will be available with and without each. Depending upon where you live, that choice might be made for you. At first look, I was astonished that this big bore powerhouse was seemingly no larger than its 9mm sibling. I've had the 9mm Shield for years and am intimately familiar with its dimensions. Lifting the .45 Shield from the box for the first time, I could feel one eyebrow rise partly in wonder and partly amusement – paying homage to the late, great Mr. Nimoy. Why, this gun is not much bigger than the other Shield – or if it is, I can't perceive it without a caliper. "Fascinating"!

The dimensions are different in most places, but sparingly so. The most obvious increase in size versus the smaller caliber Shield is the length. If you are an experienced concealed carrier then you'll likely agree that this is the most forgiving of all key dimensions. The .45 is thicker only by thousands of an inch, and my eyes can't perceive it. Neither can my holsters. A firm Kydex or similar holster will be better if it is made to fit the .45 Shield, but leather or mixed material holsters, such as the new Alien Gear OWB I tried it in will accept it. And my litmus test holster – the DeSantis pocket holster – swallows it up just fine. Oh, and a bonus for the extra length is a longer sight radius.



The author felt that the dimensions of the Shield .45 (behind) and Shield 9mm (front) were quite similar.



The author pointed out that he felt the only real difference in size between the two was in overall length.

Shooting the .45 Shield

I was eager to shoot the pistol and answer my own biggest question: What is the recoil going to feel like? I'm no stranger to subcompact .45s and I know firsthand that a full box of ammo can be a challenge to get through at the range. They can be nothing short of punishing. I was extremely impressed with my first shots – and continued to be impressed through hundreds of rounds – at just how soft this little .45 shoots. The engineers at Smith did a fine job of fitting the proper spring assembly, and the M&P ergonomics help considerably. I'm not exaggerating when I say that you can shoot this gun all day at the range. I will add the caveat that when you feed it some serious self-defense rounds, like the Federal HST +P loads, you can tell the difference. Even then however, the shooter is not punished.



Keeping the .45 Shield flat, even during rapid shooting, was surprisingly easy.

The sight picture on the .45 is the same as other Shields, as the sights are identical. The white three-dot configuration is highly effective, and the front sight post fills the rear notch nicely. At 10-15 yards the Shield likes a tight 6 o'clock hold, with the bullseye balanced on top of the front sight. The shooting experience with the .45 Shield is quite pleasant. The ergonomics of the M&P Shield platform is very good, as most shooters will agree – but the new Shield in .45 ACP adds a new grip frame texture that would be a newsworthy story all on its own. This new texture is more aggressive and abrasive, like grit. It virtually locks your hand and the pistol together, and prevents slippage during recoil – even on a hot day with sweaty hands. All of these elements combine to make rapid fire a reality and follow-up shots are easily placed on target.

15 Yard Results - Rested only
Smith & Wesson M&P 45 Shield

Ammunition Brand	Ammunition Type	5-Shot Group	3-Shot Group
SIG Sauer Elite Performance	230 gr. FMJ	2.460	1.220
Federal HST	230 gr. JHP +P	2.088	0.950
Remington Golden Saber	185 gr. JHP	2.085	1.625
Hornady Critical Defense	185 gr. FTX	2.807	0.938
SIG Sauer Elite Performance	200 gr. V-Crown	3.238	1.871
Averages		2.5356	1.3208

To test the accuracy of the .45 Shield, and to provide a consistent launch platform that would help me evaluate the way the gun shoots, I used a bag rest 15 yards from my target, and ran 5 different high-quality loads through the gun to evaluate groups. The results were good considering this distance is more than twice the textbook 7 yard self-defense

distance that we've all come to swear by, thanks to the great work of Dennis Tueller. Five shots from each ammunition type produced fairly consistent results averaging just about 2 1/2" groups. To help eliminate the variable of this particular shooter and his mistakes, I also measure the best 3 shots – and those averaged just over 1 1/4" groups with the best performers under an inch. I recommend doing similar testing with any gun you plan to carry and at least 3-5 different top brands of self-defense ammo. You'd be amazed how some guns just seem to prefer certain ammo, and you won't know which performs best in your gun until you test it.

The rest of my shooting was done off-hand at a distance of 10 yards from a standard IDPA target, aided by a stick-on target dot to help me focus. The accompanying video shows those shots in addition to the rested tests. In this writer's opinion, the .45 Shield is a darn good shooter. Smith & Wesson says it's okay to shoot +P ammo in the 45 Shield, but warns that doing it a lot will accelerate the wear and tear on the gun. They do warn against using any +P+ entirely.



The only FMJ tested from the bag, the SIG Elite Performance did very well.



The only +P load tested, the Federal HST produced the best results.



Remington Golden Saber had the best 5-shot group.



Take away the flyer, and Hornady Critical Defense was quite impressive.

The Controls

If you're familiar with the M&P line, then you'll already know where all the controls are and how they work. Except in one case it may be a matter of learning what doesn't work – at least not how you might expect it. Specifically, the slide stop / slide release control has become just a slide stop. At least on the copy of the .45 Shield I tested. My 9mm Shield is one of the guns I know I can slam a round in the chamber with just a flick of my thumb, but the .45 Shield wouldn't let me do that if I stood on it and jumped up and down (okay, I didn't really try that because that would probably break five of the four basic rules of gun safety). It's not a big deal, and if they have made an engineering decision to make it harder to use the control to release the slide, well okay. But otherwise it should work. A small complaint overall.



The trigger of the .45 Shield features an integrated hinged trigger safety that is designed to help prevent unintentional discharges.



After a few hundred rounds, the trigger measured a crisp 5 lbs., 4 oz. average from five pulls.



The pistol comes with two mags. The flush mag holds 6 and the extended (shown) carries 7.

This copy of the .45 Shield is equipped with the manual thumb safety. I generally avoid external safeties on striker fired handguns, so I rather enjoyed playing with it as a sort of novelty. It works very well. Placed almost perfectly for the user to flick off with the thumb and providing nice response via a “click,” it is easy to operate and functioned as designed. I was pleased that you can engage the safety and still manipulate the slide. There is something to be said for that. I still don’t like them – but it’s a good control.

The magazine release button is also pure M&P and functions perfectly. Easy to locate, easy to use, and the magazines drop free every single time.

If you are a southpaw however, you might be disappointed that of the controls on the gun, only the magazine catch can be reversed.

The New Stuff

Okay, the obvious new feature is the caliber itself – but with that aside, the most noticeable new feature of the new Shield is the grip texture. Far from a subtle design change or gimmicky improvement, the new texture on this pistol would be newsworthy even if it were the only change. Using a “pointy granulate” pattern, Smith & Wesson has created a much more aggressive texture that digs into the skin and keeps this gun slip-free while shooting. I give a big thumbs up to the change, but time will tell if this new design makes its way to the 9mm and .40 S&W versions.



The .45 carries the same popular sights that are very effective.



That wide-mouth barrel is 3.3 inches long and has a nicely turned crown.

The other noticeable change externally is the presence of a thin row of serrations at the muzzle end of the slide. Forward serrations are all the rage, especially if you want to look tactical. But this thin strip of swirl patterned cuts is not really enough to grasp for a press-check with any confidence. I count this change as purely cosmetic. That said, it looks good and I'm okay with it.

Conclusions



The new texture on the frame is much more than just fashion—it's a huge improvement.

Let me be the first to say that Smith & Wesson is going to have a winner with the .45 Shield. And even if I'm not the first to say it, I'm claiming it anyway. If you don't like M&P Shields then you will surely seek your joy elsewhere, but if you do like the Shield, and you like the .45 ACP cartridge, then you are going to be beside yourself happy over this gun. Smith & Wesson has addressed two of the things that customers have complained about with the Shield – the grip texture and the trigger. The much-maligned M&P trigger system continues to improve, and the one in this little .45 is remarkably good. The pull is smooth and grit-free, and the break is clean and crisp without any spongy feeling. Reset is of respectable stroke length and provides good feedback. The .45 Shield is not a subcompact beast that you must tolerate once or twice a year to feel like you train with your carry gun – it's a gun that you'll enjoy shooting, and those training sessions might just become frequent and productive.

If the trucks carrying the new .45 Shield are not already on the way to your neighborhood gun store, they will be soon. Now might be a good time to grab the sleeping bag, cooler, and phone charger and find a spot out front.



Field strip is simple and can be done without a trigger pull, like all Shields.



Smith & Wesson gets fashion points for the front slide cuts, but not so much for practicality.

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Long Range Assassin is .30-06 Semi-Auto AR-15 – Noreen BN36

by Paul Helinski on July 10, 2016

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[Noreen BN36 Long Range Assassin -\\$1,999.99](#)
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The Noreen BN36 Long Range Assassin is a .30-06 semi-auto in an AR-15 platform. It takes a standard drop in trigger, and the guts are interchangeable with other ARs, but otherwise this is a custom built rifle, and a tack driver, at \$1999.99.

Several years ago I happened upon a rifle that blew me away. It was at Media Day at the Range, which is the day before our annual SHOT Show in Las Vegas, and I have to say, it takes a lot to blow me away. That rifle was the Noreen Arms BN36 Long Range Assassin, which you will recognize as an AR-15 pattern, in .30-06. I have always been a huge fan of that cartridge, and I always wondered if the rifle ran as well as my M1 Garands. This week I finally got a chance to put the Noreen to the test, and I love it!

Noreen sells the guns mostly direct to consumer, and I have seen very few come up on the used market, because people keep them. The BN36 Long Range Assassin that you see here in the video is \$1,999.99, and there are carbine versions for several hundred less. Available calibers are 30-06 Springfield, 270 Winchester, 25-06 Remington, 300 Winchester Mag, and 7mm Remington Mag. The magazines are proprietary, and the gun comes with one. Extra magazines are \$86 and up, depending on the caliber.



It has a big heavy custom made bolt, and the gun is side charging, without any silly cocking ears.

The BN36 may seem like a niche product, as compared to a “regular” .308/7.62 NATO AR-15 pattern, but it is not. What most people don’t know is that all ARs that don’t take a regular .223/5.56 magazine are proprietary. These days there is at least a standard .308 magazine, but that is only a recent development when Armalite, the inventor of the original AR-10 in .308, decided to adopt the PMAG.

Many writers, even writers here at GunsAmerica, mistakenly call .308 AR-15s an AR-10, as if there were some milspec standard for that gun, but there is not. The AR-10 is a registered Armalite trademark to this day, and there has never been a “milspec” AR-15 configuration in .308. The Ruger 7.62 is no more “standard” than a DPMS or an Armalite or this Noreen. It just so happens that the Noreen is in a less popular, but far more classy caliber than any of those other guns.



The mags for the BN36 is proprietary, made for Noreen, and they have mags that fit all of the calibers that they offer. But other than the fact that the Noreen doesn’t take PMAGs, it is no more proprietary than any other AR that is not 2.23/5.55 milspec direct impingement. There is no other AR style rifle that is milspec, and that goes for all .308 ARs. They are all 100% proprietary designs outside of the magazine catch and well.

The Noreen BN36 is what happens when true gun nerds get an idea, and set out to build the very best rifle they can build. The difference on the Noreen is that they have managed to keep the price down, on what is a 100% custom machined firearm. When I first saw this gun, probably 2013, I said whoa that’s nifty, but I didn’t expect that they would be around very long.

At the time I didn't know that Peter Noreen, the founder of the company (and the guy who wouldn't give me the time of day at SHOT back then lol), was already a world recognized gunsmith. He apparently became known for building up caliber Model 70s for dangerous game, and by 2007 was building rifles from scratch for the long range competition market. I haven't yet seen their .338 Bad News rifle, but hopefully we'll get to that at some point.



Cold bore I was able to shoot factory ammo into sub-MOA consistently. After the gun heated up I'd get fliers out to 1.5MOA.

The BN36 was originally made for the long range competition market, and as you'll see in the video, with casual rested shooting, I was able to shoot it easily into less than an inch of shot dispersion (sub-MOA) at 100 yards. I may buy this rifle from them because I'd like to get back into hand loading for the benefit of our readers here. So far we have only run stuff from novice reloaders here, and mostly it has been introductory. As some of you evolve into active reloaders, there is a lot you can do with a rifle like this to improve accuracy, consistent accuracy, as you step away from factory ammo.

My "secret weapon" in these accuracy tests with factory ammo has become Hornady American Whitetail. I don't know why, but the 150 grain version of that load always seems to shoot good in every .308 I have tested it, and now this .30-06 reacted similarly. There was a very noticeable difference in hot bore vs. cold bore in the BN36. If you are a police sniper and the first shot is all that counts, I would say that this gun, cold bore first shot to cold bore first shot, is south of "ragged hole" with just about any ammo. For competition, it will take careful handloads on a sweet spot kind of load to keep the gun in MOA all afternoon, but that is true of most rifles, and for sure all semi-autos.



In the video you'll see that I ran steel cased Russian ammo in the gun, because I think it is a good choice for an afternoon at the range. The gun runs nice and clean, and the case does not ding the rifle on the way out.

As you'll see in the video, in addition to high end target and hunting ammo, I also shot a bunch of steel cased Wolf from Russia. Cold bore, it also shot fairly MOA, and even fast shooting on a really hot gun I could keep inside the accuracy potential of most out of the box tactical rifles in its price range. Steel cased ammo is really up to you. I first shot some brass ammo in the gun to see if the cases were impacting the frame anywhere, and they were not, so I felt that it was safe to shoot without worrying about damaging the alloy frame of the rifle.

That, by the way, is a sign of a well tuned semi-auto, and it is not surprising that the Noreen family are long range enthusiasts who reload. If a gun is set up right, it shouldn't damage your brass. Some people won't shoot steel at all in their guns, but I think of this rifle as a workingman's gun toy, because even though it is a handmade firearm, the price isn't in the stratosphere for what you get. Unless you handload, steel is your best bet for an afternoon of plinking on the cheap.

The .30-06 is ballistically similar to the .308, but you can squeeze a little more velocity out of the same bullet with the right powders in the .30-06. For instance, the [.30-06 Hornady American Whitetail](#) is 90 feet per second faster than the same bullet in the [same ammo for .308](#).



Noreen seems to make all of their own hardware for the gun, including the flash hider. It is threaded for 5/8×24.

The main difference is the size of the action. Historically the .30-06 is called a "long action" whereas the .308 is called a "short action." If you look at a Remington 700, they will be listed in caliber groups along those lines. There are now carbine models of this Noreen, but with a shorter barrel, there is little difference ballistically between the two calibers, and I wouldn't call it more than a curiosity. In a 16" barrel, I'd rather have a gun that takes a standardized, smaller, lighter magazine. Nearly all .308 AR-15s will also be slightly lighter than this 9 lb. rifle. It does weigh less than an M1 Garand though.



I'm sure there are some internals that are not made in house, but outwardly only the buttstock and handgrip are aftermarket. I like the stock, but it doesn't seem to adjust, and has no cheekpiece or rear peg that you can add.

In my afternoon with the BN36 I had no failures, once I figured out what I was doing wrong. If you watch the video, you'll see that I shoot on a Caldwell Lead Sled (sans the lead), and the support bar on that model is made for standard AR mags. The slot between the bars is not big enough for the beefy Noreen .30-06 mag, so the mag was pushing up, dragging the next shell on the reciprocating action. This was causing stovepipes nearly every shot. When I realized the issue and put a block under the stock, my problems vanished and never again did the gun hang up.



As I explained in the video, I used a Burris Veracity 2-10x First Focal Plane scope for this range session. If you haven't tried an FFP scope you really should. They make long range shooting much easier, and this rifle lives and breaths long range shooting, so it was a good match.

The directions that come with the BN36 say that you may have to tighten up the gas block when you first shoot your gun out of the box, but I did not. It shot light bullets, heavy bullets, target ammo, Hornady Superformance ammo, all without a hangup, and it didn't seem like the action was being battered. You may need to adjust your gun and you may not, but at least be aware that an adjustment is available.

If you have question about this gun or you want it in a custom configuration, visit [Noreen's website](#) and contact them directly. From what I can tell, they make all but the buttstocks in house, and they are even selling their own drop in triggers these days as well. Is a niche nerd gun? Is it a police sniper rifle? Is it a competition gun? My take is that at \$2000 bucks, the Noreen BN36 Long Range Assassin is just a good deal on a great rifle.



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Supreme Court Dangerously Expands ‘Domestic Abuser’ Definition

by S.H. Blannelberry on June 30, 2016

Convicted domestic abusers are prohibited from owning firearms under federal law. We all agree with this. You habitually beat your wife, your kids, your partner, you should lose your right to keep and bear arms. Period. End of story.

However, while the spirit of the law is quite easy to understand, there are gray areas where everything is not as cut-and-dried as it ought to be. Let me point out an example of what I mean.

You’re on your way to pick up your son, Sean, from soccer practice. You’re running late. Your wife told you to pick him up at 5:30 p.m. It’s now 5:45 p.m.

Your impatient son texts your wife and rats you out. “Dad’s not here. Where is he?”

Your wife immediately starts blowing up your phone with text messages. “Why haven’t you picked up Sean, yet? Where are you? What have you been doing?”

Finally, you reach the soccer field. You see Sean waiting there, alone. He’s ticked off. He gets in the car and slams the door. “WTF, Dad!” he says.

“Hey, don’t swear.”

“I didn’t. I said, WTF.”

“OK, whatever,” you say, followed by, “I’m sorry I’m late.” As you pull onto the road, you begin to speed back home. Your wife continues to blow up your phone.

“Did you get Sean?” “Where are you?” “I’m pissed, I told you to get him at 5:30!!!”

You go to pick up your phone to respond, to send her a quick text that you picked up Sean and that the two of you are on your way home. As you pick up your phone, you take your eyes off the road for a split second and rear end the car in front of you. Sean’s head snaps forward and his head hits the dashboard, connecting with a jagged air vent that leaves a slight cut on his head. It bleeds.

Is that domestic violence? Are you now a domestic abuser? Should your Second Amendment rights be permanently stripped from you? Based on the recent Supreme Court ruling, the answer to all those questions is, YES!

Yup. That’s basically what the high court decided this week. Let me back up a bit and explain. See, as mentioned, federal law prohibits any person convicted of a “misdemeanor crime of domestic violence” from

possessing a firearm. In other words, the use of physical force against a family member constitutes domestic violence. To explicate, you *intentionally* or *knowingly* slap your wife, you lose your guns. But, what happens when you *recklessly* use force against a family member, e.g. the texting while driving scenario? Should you lose your Second Amendment rights under that circumstance?

That's the question the high court had to address in the case, [Voisine v. U.S. \(.pdf\)](#), because not all uses of force are intentional, some are indeed reckless, which means that an individual is aware of the physical harm an act may cause but not certain that harm will be caused. In the hypothetical case I illustrated above, you were generally aware that texting and driving may cause harm to you and your son, but at that moment you willingly ignored the risk. But because of the accident, it did cause harm.

Now, under the language of this decision, you could be charged with a misdemeanor crime of reckless assault and if you're found guilty you will no longer be allowed to keep and bear arms.

“The federal ban on firearms possession applies to any person with a prior misdemeanor conviction for the ‘use. . . of physical force’ against a domestic relation,” wrote Justice Elena Kagan in the majority opinion. “That language, naturally read, encompasses acts of force undertaken recklessly—i.e., with conscious disregard of a substantial risk of harm.”

The vote was 6-2 in favor of including reckless assault as part of the domestic abuser umbrella. The two dissenting votes came from Justice Clarence Thomas and—surprisingly—Justice Sonia Sotomayor. Thomas used the driving-while-texting example in his opinion.

“Today the majority expands §922(g)(9)’s sweep into patently unconstitutional territory. Under the majority’s reading, a single conviction under a state assault statute for recklessly causing an injury to a family member—such as by texting while driving—can now trigger a lifetime ban on gun ownership,” wrote Thomas in his dissenting opinion.

“And while it may be true that such incidents are rarely prosecuted, this decision leaves the right to keep and bear arms up to the discretion of federal, state, and local prosecutors,” he continued.

“We treat no other constitutional right so cavalierly,” Thomas wrote. “At oral argument the government could not identify any other fundamental constitutional right that a person could lose forever by a single conviction for an infraction punishable only by a fine.”

Listen, we all believe that domestic abusers shouldn't have firearms. But there is a difference between a domestic abuser who deliberately causes harm and one who causes harm by reckless or irresponsible behavior. By lowering the bar on what qualifies as domestic violence, more gun owners will lose their constitutional right to keep and bear arms.



<https://www.gunsamerica.com/blog/hawaii-governor-signs-bill-to-put-all-gun-owners-in-criminal-database/>

Hawaii Governor Signs Bill to Put All Gun Owners in Criminal Database

by S.H. Blannelberry on June 28, 2016

Aloha means *hello*, it also means *goodbye*, as in those in Hawaii can say “aloha” (goodbye) to their Second Amendment rights.

See, as most states are moving in the direction of relaxing firearms restrictions to ensure that citizens can more easily exercise their Second Amendment rights, Hawaii is going against the grain, making moves to out-and-out dismantle one’s right to keep and bear arms.

This past week, for example, Gov. David Ige signed [SB 2954](#) (ACT 108) into law, which instructs law enforcement agencies to begin enrolling firearms applicants and gun owners registering their firearms into the FBI’s “[Rap Back](#)” system, a criminal-record monitoring service.

Yes, it’s exactly what you’re thinking. A registration scheme for law-abiding gun owners.

The system will notify law enforcement when a registered gun owner is arrested for a criminal offense anywhere in the country. Once that notification has been sent, Hawaiian authorities can then make a determination on whether to confiscate the individual’s firearms.

“This is about our community’s safety and responsible gun ownership. This system will better enable our law enforcement agencies to ensure the security of all Hawai‘i residents and visitors to our islands,” said Gov. David Ige in a [press release](#).

“This bill has undergone a rigorous legal review process by our Attorney General’s office and we have determined that it is our responsibility to approve this measure for the sake of our children and families,” Ige continued.

While this move is troubling in its own right, when coupled with the other two gun control bills the governor signed it becomes all the more sinister. Gov. Ige also enacted [HB 625](#) (ACT 109) and [HB 2632](#) (ACT 110). Both bills lower the bar by which someone is prohibited from owning a firearm.

HB 625 specifies that harassment by stalking and sexual assault will now lead to the denial of one’s right to keep and bear arms. And HB 2632, requires one to surrender their guns to police for the following reasons: Diagnosis of significant behavioral, emotional, or mental disorder, or emergency or involuntary hospitalization to a psychiatric facility.

HB 2632 also gives police the authority to confiscate firearms from those gun owners who fail to turn them in after receiving a written notice.

You see what's going on here? Right? As it's been said by thousands and thousands of wary gun owners, *registration leads to confiscation*. By both simultaneously creating a universal registration system and broadening the scope by which one is subject to losing one's rights, Hawaii is creating an environment where gun owners will increasingly find themselves in the crosshairs of the state's civilian disarmament campaign.

Outsiders confused by the gun community's fervent skepticism to background check laws and registration laws should look no further than these Hawaiian gun laws for an explanation on why our opposition is so emphatic.

"This is a perfect example of why the gun rights movement has always opposed registration and licensing of gun owners," said Alan Gottlieb, the founder of the Second Amendment Foundation, in an email to GunsAmerica. "The abuse of this data collection is a given. Now you are in a 'watch list' simply for exercising a constitutional right."

Undoubtedly, the Hawaiian model is going to be touted by various gun-control advocacy groups as "common sense" and "reasonable." But placing law-abiding gun owners in a criminal watchlist as if they are somehow a looming threat to public safety or the security of the free state is not only idiotic and unreasonable, it inherently contradicts why one's right to keep and bear arms was enshrined in the Constitution.

We, the armed citizens of this country, are existentially imperiled not by each other, rather, it is an overreaching, undemocratic and maleficent government that ultimately threatens our safety, our freedoms, and our livelihood. Yes, I know, trying to convince people that government is the real problem has never been more difficult than it is today, in an age when so many people have become dependent on Uncle Sugar to feed them, educate them, protect them, etc. But it's the government that we ought to fear and monitor closely — not each other.

For the most part, Hawaiian residents won't really raise a stink about the new laws until, of course, they become unfairly targeted by the government due to a "glitch" in the system. That's how it works. No one cares until it happens to them. But by that point, it'll be too late. The watchlist system will have gotten too big, too powerful, too omnipresent to be undone. The government will have all the information it needs to continue its surveillance. There will be no going back. No hitting the reset button. In this sense, there's really nothing left to say but, aloha!



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NY Times Op-Ed Calls for ‘Comprehensive Database of All Gun Owners’

by S.H. Blannelberry on March 2, 2016

The media so often gets it wrong on guns that you almost want to stick your fingers in your ears and go, “Blah, blah, blah,” to block out the misinformation and disinformation that it continues to publish. A recent example of really vexing pontification on the Second Amendment comes from a New York Times op-ed, titled, “[Effective Firearms Regulations Is Constitutional](#),” that argues a comprehensive database of all gun owners and their firearms is not only constitutional but will “put a serious crimp in gun theft, gun crime and gunrunning.”

After lamenting the current federal background check system that doesn’t criminalize private transfers or sales, the authors of the piece Abner J. Mikva, a former member of Congress, federal judge and counsel to President Bill Clinton, and Lawrence Rosenthal, a professor of law at Chapman University in Orange, CA, imagine what the ideal background check system would look like.

“A more effective system would require everyone who owns or acquires a gun to register it,” they write. “Gun owners would also need a license that could be obtained by demonstrating they can use a gun responsibly, and passing a background check.”

“Registration records would create a comprehensive database of all guns and their owners,” the two men continued. “During a criminal investigation, when a gun was recovered from a person who was not its registered owner, that person would face serious penalties. But so, too, would the registered owner if he had failed to report that the weapon was no longer in his possession.”

I know what you’re thinking, gun registration paves the way for gun confiscation. History has certainly shown that to be true. But what I’m interested in discussing, at least at first, is not the eventual outcome of the proposal for a comprehensive database but how these two men arrived at this conclusion in the first place (I can’t tell if they’re true anti-gunners or if they have just been sold, hook-line-sinker, the gun-control lies).

See, I believe that so many people support gun registration because they start by asking the wrong question, which is, how do we better control, limit and/or restrict gun ownership? The goal is to, as they so often say, reduce gun violence. But unilaterally infringing on the Second Amendment often does very little to impact gun-related violence. We see this in places like Chicago, D.C., where despite very draconian policies on gun ownership the violence is out of control.

At its core, gun control measures like a gun registry are really selling people false hope. It’s alluring because it gives one an identifiable solution (that’s not really a solution at all) to a complex problem. People, who may be unbiased on the gun issue, are easily sold on what they can readily apprehend. So, for example, they buy into the gun-grabber’s reasoning that if we just pass universal background checks or if we just create a gun registry or if we just mandate micro-stamping or if we just ban this black rifle or ban this standard-capacity magazine that we’ll keep the bad guys from killing innocents. But these ideas never have the impact that gun-control

advocates claim they will have. And when they fail to work, gun-grabbers perversely use their ineffectiveness as a justification for more proposals to restrict, limit and/or control gun ownership. For anti-gunners, the problem is never that gun control doesn't work, it's that we never have enough of it.

I can go one by one and briefly explain how all of the aforementioned proposals have failed to achieve their desired result. Universal background checks exist in California, Colorado and plenty of other states, but criminals still have guns. Canada recently repealed its gun registry system. Why? It was [ineffective and costly](#). Micro-stamping requirements have fell by the wayside in various states because it's been [proven to be easily circumvented](#). The Clinton-era ban on black rifles expired in 2004, the result, crime [continued to decrease in the wake of its expiration](#) proving it had no effect on crime rates.

Given these lackluster results, why are gun control advocates still pushing these failed policies? Well, for many anti-gunners the end game isn't really about background checks or gun registration, it's about total civil disarmament. They won't stop until we go the way of Europe. And that's really what they're getting at. But since it's not politically feasible to dismantle the 2A in one fell swoop, they have to chip away at it incrementally.

More fundamentally, though, gun control fails for the same reasons that the War on Drugs failed and Prohibition failed. It's a supply-side approach. To really take a bite out of gun-related violence, we need to address the demand for crime guns. Therefore, the right question to ask ourselves is not concerned with putting more onerous restrictions on gun ownership, but rather, how do we decrease the criminal demand for firearms? And to really reduce the criminal demand for firearms, we have to create a society that produces fewer criminals. How do we do that?

It's not an easy question to answer because there is no simple solution. We're basically talking about overhauling the culture and socio-economics of high-crime neighborhoods, which is a huge undertaking that requires a lot of time, money and manpower. While a clear-cut solution remains elusive, we know that part of it has to involve giving young people a quality education and creating job opportunities. If we educate people and we put them to work, chances are they're not going to resort to crime.

The jokers who wrote the NY Times editorial don't seem to understand this point, or if they understand it, they don't care to mention it. Instead, they go on to argue the benefits of national registry, which they wrongly contend is constitutional.

“A comprehensive system of background checks and registration would not prevent law-abiding people from obtaining guns for purposes of lawful self-defense,” they write. “It would be consistent with both the Heller decision and the Second Amendment’s acknowledgment that those who keep and bear arms should be ‘well regulated.’”

“An efficient system could instantly determine whether a proposed firearms purchase was legal, and then register the sale,” they add. “It need not impose any meaningful burden on the right to keep and bear arms. This system would, however, put a serious crimp in gun theft, gun crime and gunrunning. There is nothing unconstitutional about that.”



Shall not be infringed... means something. (Photo: *TheBlaze.com*)

First off, firearm sales that are conducted by an FFL are already recorded. But those records — the form 4473s — aren't submitted to the government unless the FFL goes out of business or unless the ATF is conducting an audit or an investigation. The point is we don't need a registry. We don't need to turn over this sensitive information to the government. It's none of the government's business who owns a firearm.

Additionally, the founders and framers idea of "well-regulated" had nothing to do with government restrictions on gun ownership (hence the very clear declaration, "Shall Not Be Infringed," at the end of the 2A) or the government's ability to monitor gun owners, but instead had to do with a militia of civilians being well-trained and self-sufficient. The 2A's main purpose is to protect a free State from government tyranny! It wouldn't make any sense at all for citizens to allow the government to meddle with the very right that protects them from — the government! The gross misreading by these NY Times imbeciles that government is supposed to regulate the Second Amendment is like suggesting a burglar ought to have the security code to one's home alarm system. It's ridiculous.

Gun registration, therefore, isn't Constitutional, nor is it an effective crime-fighting tool. As we saw in Canada, they disbanded their registry because it was costly and ineffective. Criminals, they realized, never registered their firearms. Surprise! Surprise! Instead, what happened was only the law-abiding complied with the registration requirement. It was a pointless endeavor.

Yet, here the writers of that op-ed contend that it is in our best interest to try the same failed policy, absent of proof that it would be effective and in the face of proof that shows it would ineffective (the majority of criminals, it turns out, use straw purchasers, buy firearms on the black market, steal firearms from law-abiding gun owners, borrow them from fellow criminals, basically, obtain firearms [through illegal means](#)). Why? Well to summarize, either (a) anti-gunners hoodwinked them into believing that it would reduce gun violence or (b) as anti-gunners themselves, they know it's another brick in the wall to total civil disarmament.



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‘Crooked’ Hillary Gets a Pass, No Criminal Charges Says FBI

by Jordan Michaels on July 5, 2016

No criminal charges for mishandling classified information will be brought against former Secretary of State and presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton, FBI Director James Comey announced Tuesday.

Comey said in a press conference that despite finding evidence Clinton was “extremely careless” in her handling of classified information; and that 110 emails sent or received on Clinton’s private email server contained classified information; and that it was possible people hostile to the U.S. had gained access to her personal email account; and that seven email chains were classified at the “Top Secret/Special Access Program level”; and that “any reasonable person in Secretary Clinton’s position... should have known that an unclassified system was no place for that conversation” – despite all these things, he is not recommending the Justice Department bring criminal charges.

“Our judgment is that no reasonable prosecutor would bring such a case,” Comey said. He explained that he is not recommending charges because the FBI could not find evidence that Clinton or her underlings “intended to violate laws governing the handling of classified information.”

Well, as long as they didn’t *intend* to violate the law...

Donald Trump – Clinton’s main rival in the upcoming presidential election – fired back on Twitter by implying that Clinton got a pass due to her position and political influence: “FBI director said Crooked Hillary compromised our national security. No charges. Wow! [#RiggedSystem](#).”

Republican House Speaker Paul Ryan responded as well, saying that the decision not to prosecute Clinton “defied explanation.” “No one should be above the law,” he added, according to [Fox News](#).

The FBI’s decision clears Clinton’s campaign of one of its biggest challenges thus far. Trump and other Republican leaders have made much of the FBI investigation into Clinton’s potentially criminal mishandling of classified information, reiterating that the investigation should disqualify her from running for president.

Others have used the investigation to point out the hypocrisy in the Democratic Party’s proposed gun control bill. The meme below has circulated in a number of iterations, but the idea is always the same: If a person being investigated by the FBI shouldn’t be allowed to own a gun, they shouldn’t be allowed to run for president either.

Now, while Republicans will no doubt continue to harp on Clinton’s misconduct, the weight of their accusations will be seriously lessened.

Anything good for Clinton's campaign, of course, is bad for the future of gun rights in the United States. Clinton has stated repeatedly that the Supreme Court "got it wrong" when it affirmed the individual right to keep and bear arms, and her nine-part gun control platform includes things like "universal background checks" and an "assault weapons" ban.

The FBI had an opportunity to reaffirm the fundamental American principle that no one – no matter how much political power they possess – is above the law. They balked on that opportunity, and now a rabidly anti-Second Amendment candidate's path to the White House is that much clearer.



There is almost no such thing as too little extractor tension. Add an O-ring or D-Fender, and lots of troubles go away.

Extractor

Is your AR-15 extractor on the job? Here's how you check. Since you have the carrier out, take the bolt out and remove the extractor. Is there a small rubber donut wrapped around the extractor spring? If not, your AR-15 is soon going to be asking for time off. You need, at the very least, a rubber o-ring. Available from many sources, it is the cheap version of the real deal and proper product: [the D-Fender](#).

The AR-15 has been grossly "under-extracted" from Day One. The recent Army-recommended gold spring, the stronger one, isn't enough on its own. Get a D-Fender, or if you can't justify the cost (geez-o-pete, it is only ten or twelve bucks. One mag of ammo costs more than that.), then get the [O-ring from Brownells](#).

Install it (either one) on not just carbines, but rifles, too. Yes, I know the Army tells us that rifles don't need the O-ring. Well, the Army is wrong. Can you have too much tension with the super-duper gold spring, the black stubby insert and an O-ring or D-Fender? I haven't seen it yet.



Nothing good can come from a chamber with a .223 leade. Gage it, and if it needs it, get it reamed.

Chamber

Does your AR-15 have a 5.56 chamber?

The difference between the .223 and the 5.56 is in the leade. (Pronounced *lead*) That is the distance the bullet has to jump out of the case neck before it hits the onset of the rifling. This is also called freebore. On the 5.56, the freebore is twice the distance that the .223 provides or more. The 5.56 is loaded hotter, and thus gains more velocity, but controls the extra pressure by having the bullet jump further before it hits the rifling. Shoot 5.56 ammo in a .223-lead chamber, and you risk popping a primer. Maybe not now, but soon.

A popped primer can and will fall into the lower receiver and cause all manner of malfunctions. I even witnessed an AR-15 with a .223 leade, used with 5.56 ammo, that fired a three-shot burst when the user attempted to push the selector lever back to “Safe.” And this was a semi-auto AR-15, *not a select-fire version*. Luckily for him, the lead instructor was looking directly at him at the moment, and could see that his finger wasn’t on the trigger. And he had further luck in that the crew and I were on hand to diagnose the problem.

Solution: Ned again. Ned makes his [.223/556? Gage and a specialty reamer](#). If your AR-15 chamber fails the gage, that is it has a .223 leade, the reamer will ream the leade and only the leade and make it a 5.56. It will not cut the shoulder, and can’t change headspace.

“No problem, my barrel is marked 5.56.” Guess again. We have, in LEO patrol rifle classes, run into a number of rifles and carbines where the barrel was marked “5.56” that actually had .223 leades.

With certain brands, you won’t have a problem. But with many, the marking is no guarantee. The gage is not too expensive, but the reamer is, admittedly, pricey. However, ask around with AR builders, and you’ll find someone with the set who will be happy to gage and then ream if necessary.

Oh, the chrome in your mil-spec barrel? Yes, it will cut that off, but that’s where the chrome gets torched off first anyway. If you have a thousand rounds down the pipe, your leade probably doesn’t have much chrome left anyway. Melonite? It can’t be cut. If you have a melonited .223 leade, you are just plain out of luck.



Make sure the hammer spring is on the hammer properly. If you have any doubts, study the silver sharpie line. That's the line the spring has to follow. This one is on there correctly.

Hammer and Trigger Springs

In every class, we tell the assembled AR-15 users, "OK, here's the proper way to assemble the hammer and trigger springs. At least one of you will do it wrong before class is over. It might be you, so don't be too hard on whoever it happens to."

No, really, it is a simple thing, but we regularly see rifles in class where it has been done wrongly. There are a veritable fistful of mnemonics to remember how they should fit, but a picture is much better.

On the hammer, the spring loop has to be tight up against the hammer. I use a demo hammer with a silver Sharpie line to demonstrate. On the trigger, the front loop has to be under the front nose of the trigger, not the shoulder of the trigger bow. And when it is assembled, the hammer spring legs have to be above the trigger pin and outboard of the trigger spring loops.

Anything else is wrong and asking for trouble.



Improper hammer spring assembly in the lower causes problems. In this example, the left leg is correct, the right leg is not.

Castle Nut

Stakes are not just for the grill. If you have an AR-15 with a telestock, is the castle nut staked? If not, then whoever put your carbine together did it wrong. Staking is where the takedown pin retaining plate is whacked

with a sharp punch, in order to push metal into the small notches in the castle nut. (Not the large notches, I've seen a few where the castle nut was put on backwards. Oops.)

If the castle nut isn't staked, the nut can vibrate loose, the tube can wobble, and it can even allow the buffer retainer to pop out and tie up the firing mechanism. Don't say "No, it can't." I've seen it and more than once.

Now, there's one exception to this, and it is because of the "tacticool" gear trend. Those who have replaced the regular AR-15 plate with one meant to be a single-point sling attachment ring will often find the new plate too hardened to be staked. In that case, use red Loctite, but do so knowing that you'll have a heck of a time getting things apart when you finally come to your senses and ditch the single point sling.

I admit it, I'm pretty opinionated when it comes to gear. I've busted a lot of caps, seen a lot of competitions and taught a lot of shooters, both LE and non-sworn. In that time, I've seen just about every way an AR-15 can be broken, mis-assembled, over-modified, built cheaply and otherwise messed up.

Take care of these five things, and you have eliminated probably 99 percent of potential future malfunctions on your AR-15.

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HK45 Tactical Review

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Contemporary [HK](#) polymer-frame pistols follow an evolutionary pattern. The introduction of a new design is followed by a compact version of that design. Some patterns get specialized features like the Expert or Tactical editions. Each version of the HK design is intended for a particular role, and each model seems to prove more refined than the last.

The latest model of HK pistol arriving in the States is the [HK45T](#), “T” meaning “Tactical.” This pistol was unveiled at the [2013 SHOT Show](#) to the great pleasure of HK aficionados, myself included.

The new pistol is identical to the HK45 except that it comes from the factory with [Meprolight](#) night sights and it has a barrel threaded to accept a suppressor. The HK45T isn’t expected to stay in production for long, with only 2,000 black pistols slotted to leave the plant. The tan and green variants will be even harder to find because only 1,000 of those will be made.

The HK45 has made a name for itself in the past few years as being an exceptionally reliable pistol. One pistol trainer and online blogger, Todd Green, even put 50,000 rounds through an HK45, experiencing only two malfunctions: a light primer strike and a broken trigger-return spring. That’s a mean rounds-between-failure rate

of 25,000 rounds, which is 10 times the industry standard. In order to understand how HK is able to design a pistol 10 times more durable than the rest of the industry, we need to look at the HK45T's origins.

IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD

HK formed a new design team in 1989 to begin work on a new HK polymer pistol. Glock had come seemingly out of nowhere two years earlier, and HK could see the end of the P7 pistol line, so it decided to explore the use of polymers for its next handgun. The new pistol was going to be marketed heavily to consumers in the United States, so HK conducted extensive market analysis in America, a survey upon which it relied heavily as it designed its new pistol. This was "The Word."

HK set about designing its new pistol just as rumblings were coming from America's Special Operation Command (SOCOM) that a new pistol solicitation would be forthcoming. HK decided early on that its new offering had to be equally capable for the American commercial market, law enforcement authorities and militaries of the world. As a result of this accepted premise, modularity and easy configuration became part of the design focus.

The name HK gave to its new pistol was the Universal Self-loading Pistol, or USP. The USP incorporated a new polymer frame with a buffered Browning locking system. In order to make these two simple and robust components work together effectively, HK had to spend some time and money getting the slide design right. If you compare the [USP](#) slide with slides from other polymer-frame pistol manufacturers, you'll notice how much higher up into the slide the HK polymer frame sits.

The greater overlap between the frame and the slide is a trait unique to HK's product line, to include the HK45T. I have never been a member of HK's design team, but to my untrained eye it looks like the increased purchase between frame and slide not only makes for a stronger design but a more accurate gun as well. There would be much less frame flex and more consistent lockup with the HK pistol when compared with pistols from other manufacturers.

The buffered Browning locking system was a design first pioneered by none other than [John Moses Browning](#). Browning's design is simple and strong and has locking lugs near the barrel hood that mate to grooves in the underside of the slide. The design allows the barrel to connect firmly with the slide, so lockup between the two is strong. When we fire the pistol, the slide and barrel move rearward together for a few milliseconds (ensuring the chamber pressures stay contained) before the barrel moves down and out of the way and the slide continues rearward through the extraction and feeding cycle.

While the Browning system is superb and has been working well for more than 100 years, it can be improved. HK did away with machining lugs near the barrel hood and uses the barrel hood as a lug itself. This further simplified Browning's design. Next up for HK's improvements was the addition of an internal buffering system. HK initially used a dual-spring assembly for the full-size USP. One short, stiff buffering spring absorbs the impact of the unlocking barrel while a second recoil spring controls movement of the slide. It is a complex and effective design.

Starting with the USP compact and continuing to the HK45T that now sits on my desk, HK simplified the buffering component of the modified Browning design and now uses a flat wire spring and a polymer buffering sleeve. The flat wire spring can cycle more times before it takes "a set," giving the new design a less intensive maintenance schedule, and the polymer sleeve absorbs the impact that the buffer spring once managed. The new design is much simpler.

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The HK45T is internally identical to the HK45.

OLD VERSUS NEW

I'm not inclined to automatically assume a new pistol is better than its predecessor. Part of the USP life cycle was the development of the USP Tactical, the predecessor of the HK45T. I owned a USP Tactical for several years and think highly of that pistol. However, most of the changes made between the USP Tactical and the HK45T make the latter even a better pistol.

The USP Tactical is a full-size USP .45 with some of HK's Mark 23 splashed in for good measure (the MK23 was the pistol HK designed for SOCOM in the early '90s). The USP Tactical has a threaded barrel, high-profile sights that work well with a suppressor and an adjustable trigger. I still miss that trigger. It was the best factory trigger I've ever fired. The combination found with the USP Tactical incorporates all of the best features of the USP and the Mark 23 without the excessive size or expense of the Mark 23.

My complaint with my old USP Tactical was that the ergonomics weren't that great. The grip was square and uncomfortable in the hand. The magazine release ran underneath the triggerguard where the triggerguard meets the grip's frontstrap. The location of the magazine release always puzzled me. Custom gun makers make a lot of money undercutting this area so shooters can grip the pistol as high as possible, then they smooth it out so the middle finger of the firing hand doesn't blister during lengthy range sessions. In the middle of this very key real estate, HK once parked a rectangular magazine release that chews up the shooter's finger.

With the new HK45T, HK fixed the location of the magazine release. It moved it inside the undercut triggerguard, then smoothed the junction where the triggerguard meets the frontstrap, much like the work we see coming from custom pistolsmiths. This feature alone made switching from the [USP Tactical](#) to an HK45T worth it. HK also changed the shape of the magazine release from a rectangle to two small paddles on either side of the triggerguard. The design is completely ambidextrous, unobtrusive and easy to manipulate.

HK continued the improvements by getting rid of the USP's square grip shape and incorporating the grip from its [P30](#), commonly referred to as the "Spiderman" grip. It is much more ergonomic and allows the shooter to choose the size of the backstrap. The HK45T has a slender, semi-double-stack magazine that keeps the grip circumference to a minimum. Being able to choose the shape of the backstrap allows the shooter to choose which is more comfortable.

Unfortunately for the HK45T, gone are the high-profile sights that adorn the USP Tactical. The Meprolight sights on the 45T are much preferred to the other factory HK sights that have luminescent paint on them, but they are not tall enough to use once a suppressor is attached. It is still possible to shoot semi-accurately by using the Meprolights, much as we would an occluded sight, but I'd still prefer fixed night sights tall enough to see over a can.

We also lost the USP Tactical's super-sweet trigger. In its place is HK's standard DA/SA trigger. The trigger works just fine, but it makes me pine for the other adjustable model of the USP Tactical.

Features we gained with the HK45T are a standard Picatinny rail on the frame's dustcover. This is a tremendous improvement over the proprietary system HK uses on the USP Tactical. Any weapon-mounted light that uses a Pic rail can attach to the 45T. This is a welcome change.

Perhaps the feature that makes the HK45T the most unique of all of HK's newest pistols is the fact that HK kept the detent-plate system from the USP instead of transitioning to the newer P2000/P30 system. The older detent-plate system that the USP uses makes it possible for the shooter to set up his pistol in nine different variations, from double-action only to DA/SA to HK's superb LEM. It takes just a few simple tools and a new plate (that costs about \$12) to change your pistol to whatever variant you choose.

Newer pistols from HK don't offer quite as much flexibility between variants. For example, if you purchase a P30 v2, it can never be changed to a v3. Fortunately, the HK45T retains the detent plates, so all options are available to the shooter.

RANGE TIME

I was able to evaluate the HK45T both with and without the suppressor. The suppressor I used was a [Knight's Armament](#) USP-T .45. The suppressor threaded directly onto the HK45T without a problem. Unfortunately, there was an average of two stovepipes per magazine when suppressed. I don't know if the problem was the can or the ammo, but brass would just barely clear the ejection port and occasionally get caught on the way out. The suppressor was designed for the USP Tactical and not the HK45T, so I'm sure the issue can easily be corrected.

The HK45T is an extremely soft-shooting .45. It is also very accurate. I fired five-shot groups from a sandbagged rest at 25 meters to evaluate the pistol's accuracy potential. The three loads I tested were [Speer](#)

Lawman 230-grain TMJ, [ASYM](#) .45 ACP Tactical 230-grain JHP and [Federal's](#) 230-grain FMJ Gold Medal Match.

The ASYM ammunition was the most consistent, with groups averaging 1.56 inches. The best group with the ASYM ammo measured 1.38 inches. Federal Gold Medal Match had a group average of 1.78, but the best single group measured only 1.29 inches. The Speer Lawman averaged 2.03 inches, with the best group measuring 1.72 inches. With most of the groups hovering at just over 1½ inches, the HK45T is the most accurate factory pistol I've ever evaluated.

The HK45T incorporates all of the best features of the time-tested USP line with the better layout and ergonomics of HK's more contemporary line. The plate-detent system allows the shooter to set up his pistol with a number of different fire-control systems and ensures that the shooter has exactly what he wants but also allows him to experiment. The newer ergonomics offer significantly more comfort than what's found on the USP, especially with the relocation of the magazine release. It's like HK's polymer-frame pistol line had an orgy and the 45T walked away with all of the hotness and none of the baggage.



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