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Hello Fellow CARGO Members,

The next meeting will be held at Napoli's on Thursday, June 20th.

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 offense 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.

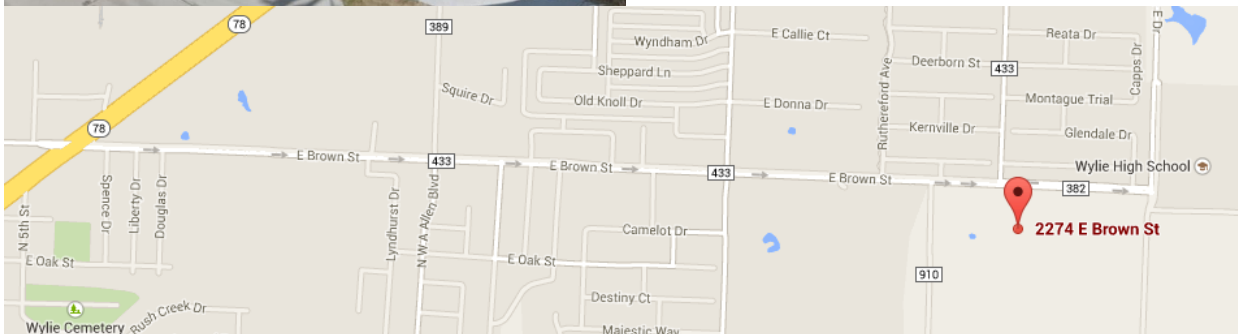
Member Don Bridges has volunteered his shop for the meeting. **There are a very limited number of chairs at the shop, so please bring a camp chair for the meeting.** We will meet there from 7:00 (ish) until 9:00 (ish)

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.



Gun topics for the spring and summer:

The next few months are going to be caliber specific.

April – all .3 caliber variants or 7.62mm to 10.13 mm

May – all .4 caliber variants or 10.14 mm to 12.69 mm

June – all .2 caliber variants or 5.06 mm to 7.61 mm

July – all .1 and .5 caliber variants 2 mm to 5.05 mm and 12.7 mm

August – all bores of shotgun

Gun topics for this month:

Please bring anything from your collection that is in the .2 caliber variants or 5.06 mm to 7.61 mm family.

As always, if you have any new or interesting knife, survival gear or firearms related item bring that as well.

This is hopefully a topic that you all can bring examples to share.

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

When was the last time you visited our web site? Please take some time to go to the CARGO website at www.cargogunclub.org

<https://www.nraila.org/articles/20190617/governor-abbott-signs-ten-pro-second-amendment-bills-into-law>

Governor Abbott Signs Ten Pro-Second Amendment Bills into Law

MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2019



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New Laws Will Take Effect on September 1

Governor Greg Abbott has now signed all of the NRA-supported legislation which the Texas Legislature sent him during the 2019 session. Thank you to pro-Second Amendment leaders and lawmakers in the House and Senate for their work to ensure passage of these measures. Here is the list of NRA-backed bills which will become law on September 1:

House Bill 121 by Rep. Valoree Swanson (R-Spring) & Sen. Brandon Creighton (R-Conroe) provides a legal defense for License To Carry holders who unknowingly enter establishments with 30.06 or 30.07 signs, as long they promptly leave when verbally informed of the policy.

House Bill 302 by Rep. Dennis Paul (R-Houston) & Sen. Bryan Hughes (R-Mineola) prohibits “no firearms” clauses in future residential lease agreements and protect tenants’ rights to possess lawfully-owned firearms and ammunition in dwelling units and on manufactured home lots, and to transport their guns directly between their personal vehicles and these locations.

House Bill 1143 by Rep. Cole Hefner (R-Mount Pleasant) & Sen. Bryan Hughes (R-Mineola) prevents school districts from effectively prohibiting the possession of firearms in private motor vehicles by limiting their authority to regulate the manner in which they are stored in locked cars and trucks -- including by employees.

House Bill 1177 by Rep. Dade Phelan (R-Beaumont) & Sen. Brandon Creighton (R-Conroe) protects citizens from being charged with a crime for carrying a handgun without a License To Carry while evacuating from an area during a declared state or local disaster, or while returning to that area, and allows shelters which are otherwise prohibited locations to decide whether to accommodate evacuees with firearms in their possession.

House Bill 1791 by Rep. Matt Krause (R-Fort Worth) & Sen. Pat Fallon (R-Prosper) closes loopholes in the state's "wrongful exclusion" law that cities, counties and state agencies have been using to restrict License To Carry holders in government buildings.

House Bill 2363 by Rep. Cody Harris (R-Palestine) & Sen. Brian Birdwell (R-Granbury) allows foster parents to store firearms in a safe and secure manner while making them more readily accessible for personal protection purposes.

House Bill 3231 by Rep. Travis Clardy (R-Nacogdoches) & Sen. Pat Fallon (R-Prosper) improves and modernizes the state's firearms preemption law, curbs the ability of municipalities to abuse their zoning authority and circumvent state law to restrict the sale or transfer of firearms and ammunition at the local level, and allows the State Attorney General to recover reasonable expenses incurred when obtaining injunctions against localities which violate the preemption statute.

Senate Bill 535 by Sen. Donna Campbell (R-New Braunfels) & Rep. Dan Flynn (R-Van) strikes "churches, synagogues, or other places of worship" from the list of prohibited locations in the Penal Code, clarifying that these places have the same right enjoyed by nearly all other controllers of private property in the state to decide whether to allow License To Carry holders on their premises.

Senate Bill 741 by Sen. Bryan Hughes (R-Mineola) & Rep. Brooks Landgraf (R-Odessa) prohibits a property owners' association from including or enforcing a provision in a dedicatory instrument that prohibits, restricts, or has the effect of prohibiting or restricting any person who is otherwise authorized from lawfully possessing, transporting, or storing a firearm.

Senate Bill 772 by Sen. Bryan Hughes (R-Mineola) & Rep. Drew Springer (R-Muenster) provides civil liability protection to business establishments which choose not to post 30.06/30.07 signs, making them less vulnerable to frivolous lawsuits and giving them an incentive to adopt permissive policies for the carrying of handguns by law-abiding citizens on their premises.

Lastly, there's been a lot of coverage in the media lately about the state's role in promoting gun safety and the following rider that was included in the state budget bill, which was also signed into law by Governor Abbott and which NRA did not oppose:

Statewide Safe Gun Storage Campaign. (Department of Public Safety) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2021 in General Revenue to establish and promote a statewide safe gun storage campaign. The public awareness campaign shall begin no later than September 1, 2020. The public

awareness campaign may include online materials, printed materials, public service announcements, or other advertising media. The public awareness campaign may not convey a message that it is unlawful under state law to keep or store a firearm that is loaded or that is readily accessible for self-defense.

NRA supported the award of a \$1 million grant from the State of Texas to the National Shooting Sports Foundation for the distribution of Project ChildSafe (<https://www.projectchildsafe.org/>) firearms safety kits to Texas residents through a network of law enforcement and community partners. We appreciate Governor Abbott's recognition of NSSF's expertise in firearms safety and his effort to bring this proven and effective safety program, which is free of anti-gun rhetoric and bias, to Texas residents.



The Media and their Lies: An NRA Board Member's Perspective

by Linda Walker

7:00AM FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2019

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.” First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights.

As a Constitutionalist, I believe our Forefathers got it right when they drafted and adopted the Bill of Rights. It is a timeless document that formed the rights that every American citizen would enjoy for generations and hundreds of years. It is not a living document, easily changed, as many would like to think. As an American, we have a responsibility to uphold our Constitution, and that would include the press and media. Unfortunately, the press has abused that right!

Pick a subject, and the press will rewrite it to fit their narrative, especially if that subject comes from those who consider themselves conservatives. We have witnessed that consistently over the years with the Ohio media. You don't need to look far for the lies the media has portrayed over the years in Ohio, as we've advanced our Second Amendment rights. The media said there would be blood running in the streets when concealed carry passed in 2003. Hasn't happened! Each session we run pro-gun legislation, and the media sets the tone of lies. Last session they pegged the bill as “Stand Your Ground,” and even worse, the “Murder Bill.” Plain and simple, it was a bill removing the duty to retreat, but those words didn't sell headlines. To no ones' surprise, the press once again abused their right to the freedom of the press.

The People have come to not trust what the media tries to spoon feed us as the truth. In these times, we have to seek out on our own what is the truth and what is blatant, made-up lies of the media. Recently, the *Washington Post* (along with many other media outlets which picked up the story) ran an article entitled, "NRA money flowed to board members amid allegedly lavish spending by top officials and vendors." As a member of the NRA Board of Directors, to my surprise, my name appeared in the article. One of the WaPo reporters, Beth Reinhard, had reached out to me twice and requested an interview, because my name was listed a few years ago in the annual "statement of income" for Board members. I ignored her requests, which in her final email to me, I could see she was irritated that I had the gull to ignore her.

I am an NRA membership recruiter, just like most all of the other 100,000 NRA certified instructors, most gun stores, and most Second Amendment organizations across America. I was honest enough to have claimed the approximately \$200 in recruiter membership commissions paid to me, from the NRA membership division. What Reinhard failed to do though, was disclose that it was ONLY \$200!!! She lists me along with some of my fellow Board members who are paid for lobbying, speaking engagements, consulting, etc., some of which are paid some hefty fees. Somehow, Beth Reinhard found my \$200 recruiter commission earned was newsworthy?

Notably, she left out the minimal income figures for three of us Board members who are membership recruiters, one which has passed away. It was far better for the story to be able to accuse 25% of the Board members of being paid by the NRA. Yes, my \$200 didn't fit the narrative these reporters were attempting to make. (The three additional reporters who contributed to this disingenuous article, along with Beth Reinhard, are Katie Zezima, Tom Hamburger and Carol D. Leonnig.)

And you wonder why people don't trust the media anymore! Because facts don't matter to them! For the record, I am an UNPAID volunteer. I don't get paid for what I do with the NRA (or with Buckeye Firearms Association) for what I do, on behalf of protecting, defending, and restoring our Second Amendment rights. What I do comes from my heart, because it's the right thing to do. Yes, protecting the Second Amendment is the right thing for any patriotic American to do. Shame on you reporters for attempting to tarnish my upstanding reputation over a measly \$200 commission that I earned, just like 100's of thousands of other people do each and every year!

It is no wonder why newspapers are closing shop, why various news channels ratings have tanked, and why people no longer trust the media. Unfortunately, the media has forgotten what our Forefathers wrote for them, and have even changed the narrative of our Bill of Rights to suit their own agenda.

Linda Walker is Vice President of Buckeye Firearms Association, a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Rifle Association, where she sits on the Legislative Policy, State & Local Affairs Subcommittee, Women's Policies and Grassroots Development committees. She's an NRA-ILA FAL Frontlines Activist Leader, an NRA certified instructor, the 2009 recipient of the NRA's "Sybil Ludington Women's Freedom Award." She is Co-Founder and Co-Host of the NRA Women's New

Energy Breakfast. Linda Walker is also a Co-Chair of President Trump's Second Amendment Advisory Coalition.



Secretary Bernhardt Proposes Increasing Public Access to Hunting and Fishing on 1.4 Million Acres Nationwide

7:00AM TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019

Proposal Includes New Opportunities at 74 National Wildlife Refuges and 15 National Fish Hatcheries
Oak Harbor, Ohio – Furthering the Trump Administration’s efforts to increase access to public lands, U.S. Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt today announced from Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge a proposal for new or expanded hunting and fishing opportunities at 74 national wildlife refuges and 15 national fish hatcheries managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) across more than 1.4 million acres.

“President Trump is committed to expanding public access on public lands, and this proposal is executing on that directive by opening and increasing more access to hunting and fishing by the Fish and Wildlife Service at more stations and across more acres than ever before,” said Secretary Bernhardt. “Hunting and fishing are more than just traditional pastimes as they are also vital to the conservation of our lands and waters, our outdoor recreation economy, and our American way of life. These refuges and hatcheries provide incredible opportunities for sportsmen and women and their families across the country to pass on a fishing and hunting heritage to future generations and connect with wildlife.”

The proposal would increase the number of units in the Service’s National Wildlife Refuge System where the public may hunt from 377 to 382, and the number where fishing would be permitted would

be increased from 312 to 316. The proposal would also formally open lands on 15 hatcheries of the National Fish Hatchery System to hunting or sport fishing for the first time.

The proposal also outlines a comprehensive revision and simplification of all refuge-specific hunting and fishing regulations in all 50 states to more closely match state regulations while continuing to ensure safe and compatible opportunities. The Service worked closely with the states in preparing the proposed rule.

“Well managed hunting and fishing are the backbone of conservation in this country, but inconsistent or overly complex regulations can act as a disincentive,” said Service Principal Deputy Director Margaret Everson. “By aligning our refuge regulations with our state partners, we are reducing confusion and the regulatory burden on the American public, helping ensure the tradition and benefits of hunting and fishing can continue.”

New proposed refuge opportunities include the opening of Green Bay National Wildlife Refuge in Wisconsin to hunting and fishing for the first time and the opening of Seedskaadee National Wildlife Refuge in Wyoming to deer and elk hunting for the first time on lands already open to other hunting. Proposed expansions of refuge opportunities include the opening of new acres at St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge in Florida to existing upland and big game hunting, and, at Great River National Wildlife Refuge in Illinois and Missouri, the expansion of season dates, times and methods for existing deer, turkey and other upland game hunting to align with state seasons.

Proposed changes at hatcheries include the formal opening of lands on Leadville National Fish Hatchery in Colorado to migratory game bird, upland game and big game hunting, and the formal opening of lands on Iron River National Fish Hatchery in Wisconsin to migratory game bird, upland game and big game hunting. Inks Dam National Fish Hatchery in Texas and Little White Salmon National Fish Hatchery in Washington are proposing to formally open their lands to sport fishing. An update to hatchery regulations is also included in the proposed rule.

“The Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies is delighted by this announcement of a continuing commitment by the Department of the Interior to expanded access for regulated hunting and angling, on National Wildlife Refuges, in partnership with state fish and wildlife agencies,” stated Ed Carter, President of the Association and Executive Director of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. He added, “We need to get people outside to enjoy the lands and waters, and fish and wildlife resources, of our great nation. This is an important step in that direction!”

“The announcement today by Secretary Bernhardt is incredibly welcome news and builds off great progress in increasing access to refuge lands the last two years,” said John Devney, Senior Vice President, Delta Waterfowl. “Duck hunters have been leaders in investing in the refuge system and this action will provide them with new access and opportunities. We are sincerely grateful to Secretary Bernhardt and the Fish and Wildlife Service staff who have worked hard to create these new opportunities for hunters.”

“The Congressional Sportsmen’s Foundation applauds Secretary Bernhardt for his efforts to expand hunting and fishing opportunities within the National Wildlife Refuge System,” said Congressional Sportsmen’s Foundation President Jeff Crane. “This announcement builds off momentum generated over the last few years through Interior Secretarial Orders, and advances recent recommendations submitted by the Hunting and Shooting Sports Conservation Council to increase hunter and angler access to federal lands and waters, including the Refuge System.”

Hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities contributed more than \$156 billion in economic activity in communities across the United States in 2016, according to the Service’s National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, published every five years. More than 101 million Americans — 40 percent of the U.S. population age 16 and older — pursue wildlife-related recreation, including hunting and fishing.

The Service will seek comments from the public on the proposed rule for 45 days, beginning with publication in the Federal Register in coming days. The notice will be available at <http://www.regulations.gov>, Docket Number: FWS-HQ-NWRS-2019-0040, and will include details on how to submit your comments. An interim copy of the proposed rule is now available.

The Service intends to finalize the proposed changes in time for the upcoming 2019-2020 hunting seasons.

A complete list of all refuges and hatcheries in the proposal is available in the proposed rule and online.

For more than 145 years, the National Fish Hatchery System has worked collaboratively with tribes, states, landowners, partners and stakeholders to promote and maintain healthy, self-sustaining populations of fish and other aquatic species. There are 70 national fish hatcheries visited by more than two million people each year. Hatcheries offer opportunities for viewing the operations and learning about fish, as well as activities such as fishing, hunting, hiking, sightseeing, nature study, birdwatching and photography.

The Refuge System is an unparalleled network of 567 national wildlife refuges and 38 wetland management districts. There is a national wildlife refuge within an hour’s drive of most major metropolitan areas. More than 55 million Americans visit refuges every year. National wildlife refuges provide vital habitat for thousands of species and access to world-class recreation, from fishing, hunting and boating to nature watching, photography and environmental education.

Under the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, the Service permits hunting and fishing along with four other types of wildlife-dependent recreation, including wildlife photography, environmental education, wildlife observation and interpretation, when they are compatible with an individual refuge’s purpose and mission. Hunting, within specified limits, is currently permitted on 340 wildlife refuges and 37 wetland management districts. Fishing is currently permitted on 278 wildlife refuges and 34 wetland management districts.

The Service manages hunting and fishing programs to ensure sustainable wildlife populations while also offering other wildlife-dependent recreation on public land



Thank you,
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