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What's New

The Future Face of Freedom

There are so many in the mainstream media who continue to paint us Second Amendment supporters as gun-toting maniacs, anxious and hell-bent on the immediate and violent overthrow of the government. But the reality of most Second Amendment advocates couldn't be farther from this false and tainted view. The truth is, Second Amendment supporters are the future face of freedom, and we're not wearing military camo, with face paint, toting illegal machine guns and hand grenades (yet). We're just everyday people who are gravely concerned about the present path of our country. We are factory workers in Detroit, farmers in Iowa, and hospital workers in Cleveland, Ohio. We're just normal people who love our country, and we are the undisputed face of freedom.

But the future face of freedom is right here:

This is my two-year-old son, Cedar Lance Coryell (We call him "wooden stick" for short. Yes, that's a joke, and it always upsets my wife when I tell it, so I'd better move on.) I still remember the exact moment when we gave my son his

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Our Mission

The mission of the Second Amendment March is to galvanize the courage and resolve of Americans; to petition our elected officials against establishing anti-gun legislation; and to remind America that the Second Amendment is necessary to maintain our right to self defense.
It is the one right that protects
all others.
We will accomplish our mission by a centralized, peaceful march in Washington DC, the United States Capitol, supported by satellite marches to State Capitols and other cities all across America.

unusual name. We were driving along Highway 28 on the northern edge of Lake Superior in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. My wife was about 5 months pregnant and we were on our way home from teaching a concealed carry class in L'Anse near the Keweenaw Peninsula. My wife kept rattling off names and I kept shaking my head. "Tony? Gerald? Esperanza?"
"What? Did you just say Esperanza? You can't name a boy Esperanza! They'd beat him up!"

Finally after 15 minutes of "no" votes, we drove through a cedar swamp. I looked out at the trees like I always do, because I love Cedar and the smell of the boughs and the look of the wood. Then a light went off in my head and I turned to Sara. She was already looking at me and before I could open my mouth she said "How about Cedar?" She'd stolen the words right out of my mouth.

You can see from my son's picture that he enjoys his guns even at the tender age of two. He has this little pop gun rifle and he drives us crazy with it, especially in the mini-van on long trips. "Pop! Pop! Pop!" Over and over and over and over again he works the action and pulls the trigger until it finally drives me crazy and we take it away from him. I suppose that's the only form of gun control I'll ever instigate and certainly the only confiscation scheme I'll ever subscribe to. Even now at two years old, we are teaching him to keep it pointed in a safe direction. You can never start too young.

This past week was a rough one for me in terms of organizing the Second Amendment March. Don't get me wrong, it's going very well and a groundswell of support is still there and growing by the minute. Print and radio interview offers are pouring in everyday along with donations of 5, 15, 25, 50, sometimes even 100 or 500 dollars. The website is back up and running, and gaining hundreds of new email subscribers everyday. We now have a link on the home page where you can register your volunteer support as a coordinator or offer some other specialized skill. You can also register your group or organization as well.

So, if all these good things are happening, then why the frustration? What's the trouble? Well, no trouble really, just a few people who keep saying "Skip you can't do this! You are going to fail!" or even worse "Skip, you're a coward. A real man would be marching into Washington DC fully armed and locked and loaded!"

Normally, these comments wouldn't be bothering me except for one thing: they are a tiny minority coming from within our own ranks of gun owners. I expect discouragement from the anti-Second Amendment crowd, but not from our friends and allies. Case in point: I gave a radio interview to a man in Texas about the march. It was a call-in show and three paramilitary types phoned in to publicly excoriate me for my cowardice. They kept it up for the full two hours of the show and in the end we just had to agree to disagree. It's always sad when people of principle and purpose agree on the goal (restoring freedom to America) but vehemently disagree on the methodology. In the end, I told them that while I admire their spunk and their spirit, now is just not the time for violence, not while we still have the power of the ballot box. At this point the only thing that could prompt me to violence would be gun confiscation by jack-booted thugs.

I've been thinking hard about it for the past two days. I always try to keep an open mind about things, even things I feel strongly about, but I still hold to my peaceful marching views. Yes, these are scary times, very scary times, and

people are nervous as a frog in a blender. Their anxiety is merited. It would appear that the change they voted for is not the change they are getting. Instead, we see things like a trillion-dollar stimulus plan and the Blair Holt Gun Registration Act. Let me tell you folks, straight out of the box: there's only one reason to register firearms, and that's to confiscate them later on. We can't fall for that, and we have to fight it tooth, fang and claw if need be.

But the time isn't right yet for an armed revolt; it's certainly not yet necessary for thousands of good Americans to die. Because it was the most uninformed segments of our society who voted us into this predicament, and only they can vote us back out. So what is the answer, the key to swinging them back to sanity and away from the brink of America's collapse? Only we can pull them back from the precipice, only ordinary folks like you and I can teach them what a Second Amendment supporter really is. We are school teachers and farmers, merchants and assembly-line workers, doctors and construction workers. We are America. We are parents. We are moms and dads, husbands and wives, college students and yes, even children. We are the face of freedom, and my son, Cedar, is the future face of the Second Amendment.

Real hope has never resided in any one candidate or political organization. Hope and the answer to America's ills has always resided in the hearts and minds of us common folk. Yes, I agree that we need a revolution, but let's not begin it with bloodshed. Let's start with a peaceful march on every town, village and hamlet in America. And yes, even on our nation's capitol. That's where they need it most.

So again, I submit to you, that the future face of freedom is not rooted in violence, but in the children we raise, like my kids and yours. In the meantime, get out there and encourage those who have despaired, and give them the real message of hope. We can turn this country around. We can take it back: one heart, mind, and soul at a time.

God bless, and I'll see you in DC!

(To learn more about the Second Amendment March which will be occurring in April of 2010, go to www.secondamendmentmarch.com.)

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Upcoming Interviews

Second Amendment March on The Gun Show with Matt Canovi

Skip Coryell will be interviewed on Matt Canovi's "The Gun Show" on Saturday, February 28th from 7-8 a.m. CST on Newstalk KSGF 104.1fm in Springfield, Missouri. The call in numbers for the show are (417) 447-KSGF or 1-800-630-KSGF. The website to listen live to the show is www.ksgf.com.

Matt's website is www.mattcanovi.com and all the podcasts can be accessed through a link on the website.

Website Updates

The Forum Returns!

Due to popular demand, the Second Amendment March Forum has returned, and the discussion is already going strong. If you would like to join in, please click on the "Forums" link on the Second Amendment March website and create your free profile for the boards. Unfortunately, we were not able to port over the previously created users from our old forum software, so forum users will need to re-register on our new system.

Volunteer Signup Form

You may have noticed a red button on the right side of the home page that reads: "Volunteer Registration". We now have our database in place to gather volunteer information. When we have a need for help, we will be able to search our database for available volunteers, and contact them accordingly. This form also allows you to indicate if you would like to serve as a regional coordinator for a march in your state. And by the way, we will never share your contact information with anyone -- it is only for our internal use to help us organize the march.

Group Support Form

There is now a form for groups, organizations and businesses to express their formal support for Second Amendment March. This is accessed via the "Group Registration" button on the home page. This form also allows groups to indicate if they are interested in sponsoring march attendees or sponsoring a charter bus.

Social Networking: facebook

We've had our facebook group for some time now, and we just added a facebook group. We also set up a targeted ad campaign on facebook to reach potential Second Amendment March supporters.

What's Coming Up

- We are working to create more designs and promotional items for you, including t-shirts and bumper stickers. We have been in contact with several t-shirt/promotional item vendors, and we are putting things in place for our e-store.

- The site navigation will be redesigned to accommodate the addition of new features.

Ways to Get Involved

Many people have emailed or posted in our forums, asking how they can be more involved. One of the best things people can do right now is spread the word about Second Amendment March. We have a simple pdf flyer available at http://www.secondamendmentmarch.com/promo.htm. Feel free to print it, post it, distribute it, wrap Great Aunt Mary's birthday present in it...whatever it takes to spread the word far and wide about the upcoming marches.

Of course, continue to write to and call your state representatives regarding your stance on the second amendment, and what it means to all freedom-loving Americans.

Thanks for your continued support. United we stand!

Sincerely,

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