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What's New

Growing Up Without Guns

While growing up, I knew there were guns and other arms, because the army and police had them. Us, ordinary people didn't need them. The saying was "my police protect me". I don't think I ever saw a gun except in movies or those carried by police on the streets. Some people in remote mountain villages had small rifles and a limited amount of ammunition - mainly to shoot predator animals to protect their farm animals. At 13, police were going door to door at night, pointing guns at my family and other neighbors. Later I witnessed how government ordered army and tanks to the streets of my city under the cover of the night, killing dozens of innocent people. Not a very good experience to base your opinion about guns.

When I came to America, I was prepared to see the abundance and wealth, and knew I would need to learn lots of things. As an immigrant, I looked into various laws - those that applied to immigration, employment, and travel. I never looked into the laws about guns. There was not a single "drawer" in my brain dedicated to firearms; the only knowledge I had was "guns are bad." In 2002 there was a sniper on the streets of Virginia, but I never thought about how I could protect myself. I was simply glad the sniper was not frequenting my area, and I stayed home.

In all my searches for good shopping stores, I never even considered that ... gun stores exist. No one tells you that at the border control at the airport, and unless I came across someone who took the time to talk and explain the facts to me, I still would never have thought any different. I give full credit for my re-education to my husband (boyfriend at that time) who was the first person I would hear to frequently use words, "the Constitution actually says ...", "the local rules do not require you to...", "have you read Common Sense?" These were very different conversations from the ones I had at work or with my girlfriends.

So my message to you is this - if you let any society grow accustomed to seeing guns as only for use by police or criminals, if you let just two generations to go on like that, you will eventually have a society in which I grew up. It is a strange feeling when, while carrying open in Virginia, I have to tell people, "no, I am not a law enforcement officer, and do not intend to impersonate one, I am just exercising my right. You have one, too, you know?" Sometimes this makes me want to double check if I am in America.

If you haven't figured it out yet, - I was born in the Soviet Union. It was the largest prison in the world, where the prisoners were either unaware that they were prisoners, or were deeply aware of it and therefore were eliminated by the government.

I have lived in this country for eight years and I am just coming to a point where I can't imagine not having a Second Amendment as the norm. It takes time to turn your whole knowledge and vision of life up-side-down, to pretty much throw away the morals you grew up on. I just finished reading 1984 by George Orwell. We would never be allowed to read this book in the Soviet Union. But when I was done reading it, I knew that for over 20 years, I had lived the life of "the next generation after Winston Smith" - the generation that did not know that a human is capable to think and to reason. And the Soviet government did not have to torture me to get me to that stage - I was already born in a thought-vacuum my ancestors allowed to be established.

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Did You Know?

CONTRIBUTE NOW

It takes a substantial amount of money to organize an event like Second Amendment March. Our fundraising advisors have set specific milestones that we need to meet in order to be successful. Right now we are short of that goal and need your help! If you can help, please click on the Contribute Now button above to donate via our secured donation page. Thank you!

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

I always point out that Soviet schools had very strong curriculum, especially in math and history. But we never heard Patrick Henry's "Give me liberty or give me death" speech; history books never mentioned Jefferson's proposed language for the Virginia Constitution - "No free man shall ever be debarred the use of arms." We were slaves, no doubt. Worst yet, we were dead in a sense that we could not live out our lives how we wanted.

Most people at least once in their life said or heard someone say, "I wish I could bring my childhood back." I might have said it too. Not now, not anymore. The Second Amendment to me, then, is one guarantee that my past will never become my future.

~ Leyla Myers

About author: Leyla Myers was born in Azerbaijan Republic, former Soviet Union. She came to the States in May 2001 on an employment visa. She currently lives with her husband in Virginia.

New State Coordinators Announced

Second Amendment March is pleased to annouce the state coordinators for Montana and Virgina:

Vince Vaccaro
is the coordinator for the Montana State Capitol March. Vince is also an NRA-ILA Election Volunteer Coordinator -- State of Montana and Endowment Member, Life Member -- Gun Owners of America, and Life Member -- Montana Shooting Sports Association.

Vince Vaccaro
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Leyla Myers
is the coordinator for the Virginia State Capitol March. Leyla offers a firsthand account of what a country without freedom is like. Please see her article in this newsletter.

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Thanks Vince and Leyla, and welcome aboard!

Town Hall Meetings

MICHIGAN:

Second Amendment Town Hall Meeting and Michigan Open Carry Picnic
Sunset Park, **Traverse City**, MI
Saturday June 27th from Noon to 4:00 PM
Contact info: Brian Jeffs -- Brian.Jeffs@SecondAmendmentMarch.com

Second Amendment Town Hall Meeting
Sponsored by Freedom Firearms/South Side Sportsman Club July 16, 2009
Burnham Brook Community Center
200 W. Michigan Ave.
Battle Creek MI 49017
Contact info: Brian Jeffs -- Brian.Jeffs@SecondAmendmentMarch.com

Bath, MI
Where: Park Lake Improvement League Memorial Building
Address: 5959 Park Lake, Bath, MI 48808
When: Tentative date Sept. 14th 2009
Time: 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM
Contacts: Brian Jeffs brian.jeffs@secondamendmentmarch.org

Livonia, MI
Where: Livonia Public Library

United States Capitol, supported by satellite marches to State Capitols and other cities all across America.

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CCWTargets.com is offering Second Amendment March combo packs, with a portion of every purchase being donated to Second Amendment March.

Address: 32777 5 Mile Rd, Livonia, MI 48154 (734) 466-2450
When: Sept/Oct.,2009
Time: 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Contact: Gary J. Kramer, Vice President, MGO

Town Hall Meetings are also being planned in **Plymouth** and **Cadillac**. Details will be provided when those plans are finalized. If you would like to help with these meetings, please contact Michigan coordinator Briand Jeffs at Brian. Jeffs@SecondAmendmentMarch.com.

MISSOURI:

Second Amendment Town Hall Meeting
Faust Park, **Springfield**, MO
August 15th, 10Am to 2PM
Contact info: Matt Canovi -- matt@mattcanovi.com

OHIO

Town Hall Meetings are in the early planning stages for **Cincinnati**, **Columbus**, and **Cleveland**. The dates have not been set, but they will likely be in late Winter/early Spring. If you would like to assist with these meetings, please contact Ohio coordinator Dan White at dwhite@ohioccw.org.

If you are interested in organizing a Town Hall Meeting in your area, please contact us at webmaster@secondamendmentmarch.com and we can get you started.

Second Amendment March on Twitter

Second Amendment March is now on Twitter! Twitter is a free service that allows people to stay connected via short messages, called "tweets". Second Amendment March is utilizing this tool to provide updates and news to our supporters.

You can follow us at: http://twitter.com/2AMarch

Second Amendment March Store

Did you know that we offer Second Amendment March merchandise such as t-shirts, hats, pins, bumper stickers and more at http://store.secondamendmentmarch.com?

When you purchase items from the store, you can be assured that 100% of the money earned by Second Amendment March goes directly to supporting our second amendment rights. The organizers of Second Amendment March are not taking any personal income from these sales -- it's strictly a fundraising effort.

How You Can Help

There are many things you can do TODAY to make a difference for future generations:

- Join our forums
- spread the word
- pass out flyers
- set up a town hall meeting in your area
- write articles for the Second Amendment March website
- write to your legislators
- make a donation
- write to the media
- Set up a Second Amendment March fundraiser in your area
- Share your special skills/knowledge

- wear your Second Amendment March shirt proudly

"It does not require a majority to prevail, but rather an irate, tireless minority keen to set brush fires in people's minds.."

--Samuel Adams

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