

UMGOA MISSION STATEMENT:



To promote the safe and legal ownership and use of firearms as expressed in our inalienable rights under the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America so that those who are legally permitted to purchase and sell firearms may collect and use firearms for self defense. competitive events, other sporting uses in the community, and for preservation of our constitutional republic. Also preserving and defending the right to keep and bear arms as guaranteed by the Bill of Rights and Article I, section 6 of Michigan's Constitution:

"Every person has a right to keep and bear arms for the defense of himself and the state."

All political power is inherent in the people. Government is instituted for their equal benefit, security and protection. Michigan Constitution Article 1 Section 6

A well-regulated Militia being necessary to the security of a Free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed.

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING IS ON MAY 14th

Meetings are held at Mead Rod and Gun Club at 5523-5559 County 420 21st Road on the second Tuesday of the month @ 6:30 PM unless notified. Weather permitting we can shoot at the range between 5:00 and 6:30, bring targets eye and ear protection! Next month's meeting is June 11th 2023



ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTICES

MAY 18 Jim Groos Youth Shoot canceled it will be rescheduled June 15th Thank You to Veterans Dinner Fund Raiser at the Ruth Butler building Contact Brian

UMGOA APRIL MEETING NOTES

The meeting opened at 6:33PM After the secretary and treasurer reports, Brian reported on the status of the banquet. Many members from Marquette want to hold a second amendment march in Marquette. UMGOA will support the march and will reach out to local members to facilitate this march. It was reported by members that attend the Delta County Board meetings that a small group of democrats are continuing to disrupt the meetings. Their stated goal in the past is to repeal the 2nd amendment sanctuary declaration and prohibit all firearms. They are now presenting themselves as gun owners. (They are using Saul Aynsky's "Rules for Radicals" techniques). The Veterans Dinner is being planned. We have been promised help from veterans groups around the UP to run this. The Fair Grounds will donate the use of the Ruth Butler building for this dinner. The membership voted to donate a firearm to be raffled at this dinner. All proceeds to be used to purchase cash cards to be given to vets that have basic needs. The Youth shoot is on May 18th. The UMGOA web page is progressing and will be completed soon.

BANQUET UPDATE

The 2024 Banquet Fund Raiser was a success with 300 plus attendees hundreds of prizes. Dozens of firearms were raffled. A safe filled with mystery prizes, (we now know two of the mystery prizes were a 30/30 rifle and an AR rifle) were raffled. A freezer also filled with mystery prizes was raffled. Several veteran prizes were awarded. For every \$60 in raffle tickets you received a "big spenders" raffle ticket. Some other prizes were a trail cam, a Husquvarna lawn mower, Echo weed trimmer, a Ruger revolver, a Savage 243. win rifle, Glock 45ACP pistol, Frigidare electric mixer, a Hog hunt, a Springfield EMP pistol., A sewing Machine, just to mention a few. The dinner ticket automatically entered you into a drawing for one of 84 prizes which included gift cards, a Ruger 10/22, Bark River knives, and much more.

Many Thanks to our primary sponsors: Mr. Tire, Freedom Ranch 906 game ranch, Superior Specialty Coatings, Northgate Equipment Sales, Blades Bait and Tackle, U.S. Spoer Supply Gun Shop, Nark River Knives and David Van Elsacker & Crystal Vanhese.

Also thanks to **J's Sport Supply** in Powers fro running the FFL background checks.



2A LEGISLATURE NEWS

STATE legislature:

HB 5665 5666 (Rep Mike Hoadley Dist 99) Waiver of hunter safety course for individuals with a valid CPL, Military service members.

FEDERAL legislature:

HB 615 Protecting Access for Hunters and Anglers Act, passed by the house. Requires the Secretary of the Interior and agriculture to provide scientific peer reviewed data that demonstrates that lead ammo or fishing tackle is causing detrimental effects on wildlife.

HB 6734 (Rep Andrew Clyde) Stopping Unconstitutional Background Checks Act. Prohibits the use of federal funds to enforce proposed ATF rule 2022R-17 which requires universal background checks for private sales.

2nd Amendment News

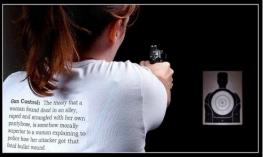
A DOJ report, "National Firearms Commerce and Trafficking Assessment", contradicts the lies that Biden regime says that criminals acquire their guns from gun shows. This report found that only 3% of gun recovered at crimes came from gun shows. Seems 80% are acquired from straw purchases and unlicensed black market gun dealers. (Who would have thought that criminals get their guns from other criminals?)

Supreme Court agrees to hear a case dealing with self-manufactured firearms. Do you have the right to make your own firearm under the second amendment?

Seems the FBI Uniform Crime Reports are showing that the states like Washington and Illinois that have the most restrictive gun laws have the most murders. Seems less gun equals more crime like John Lott found in his research. "Don't believe you lying eyes" says the Biden admin while they push for confiscation.

Rep. Kaohly Vang Her said to congress that women should not have guns in their homes as they aren't trained enough. Minnesota State has a bill that would require women to lock up their guns in their homes. Only "experts" should have guns. (Hmm maybe only language "experts" should have freedom of speech.)

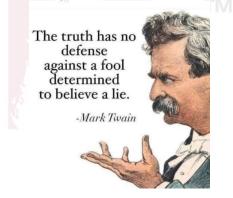
The Gun Owners of America is suing the Biden Regime's ATF "universal registration rule" that will go into effect May 20. This requires background checks for ALL private gun



sales. GOA has partnered with Texas AG Ken Paxton and three other states to sue.

"Less guns more crime" now that Canada has banned most firearms and instituted a "buy back" program, crime is getting worse. The Toronto police issued a warning that to prevent being attacked in your home you should leave your car keys outside your front door so the thieves won't have to invade your home to get them. They state that the criminals only want your car. Burglaries of homes while the owners are present are up. Criminals know they won't face an armed home owner.







EDITORIAL

Supreme Court of the United States: Ashcroft v. ACLU, 535 U.S. 564 (2002)

"[A]s a general matter, the First Amendment means that government has no power to restrict expression because of its message, its ideas, its subject matter, or its content."

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> While a DOJ report finds that criminals get guns from criminals it also found they "can't see ghost guns" as being any threat. So why is the Biden regime so concerned with the ways <u>law abiding</u> citizens acquire their firearms??

> If the anti-gun lobby wants to hold the firearm manufacturers responsible for death when criminals misusing their product. I want to hold the politicians and anti-gun groups responsible for all mass shootings that could have been prevented by having a lawful citizen with a gun.

> According to anti-gun Giffords.com guns can jump up and discharge all by them selves which proves they are defective products and manufacturers should be sued and the products banned.

> Why is kill the "N" word hate speech but kill the Jew is freedom of speech?

> Seems the ATF did not have body cams when they assassinated the Little Rock Airport supervisor in a no knock raid. It is a violation of ATF rules <u>not</u> to use body cans. They murdered him for selling 3 guns at a gun show without an FFL. Looks like they want to send a message that if you violate the "new" rule, that you must have an FFL to sell a firearm at a gun show, the ATF will send a death squad to your house. The Arkansas attorney general is investigating this atrocity but refuses to be interviewed. He did answer written questions about the investigation. He basically stated he has no jurisdiction as it is a federal matter. So now the Biden regime can murder citizens and the regime's DOJ will not prosecute and the state's justice system can not touch them. The ATF admits it runs their Special Response Team (AKA storm troopers) through an intensive 2 week course on how to use excessive force. The FBI course takes 10 months.

We have the FBI, which originally was just an investigative body and did not carry guns, and the U.S marshals which has the federal law enforcement mandate. Why do we have ATF police, EPA police, Postal police, Dept. of agriculture police, bureau of land management police etc. Why do regulatory agencies need SWAT? Originally it was the U.S. Marshals job to arrest criminals.

> The FBI is concerned that racially or ethnically motivated violent extremists will be spawned from nationalized hierarchical groups. The FBI says the primary tool for lone wolf attackers is firearms. Pro life lone offenders are the greatest threat according to the FBI. But not the thousands of terrorists that are streaming over our southern boarder? High on the list are groups that threaten violence against Muslims. Why not those that are threatening violence against Jews at college campuses?

QUOTES OF THE MONTH:

Whoever would overthrow the liberty of a nation must begin by subduing the freedom of speech. ~ *Ben Franklin*

The way to crush the bourgeoisie is to grind them between the millstones of taxation and inflation". And Give me four years to teach the children and the seed I have sown will never be uprooted."— Vladimir Ilyich Lenin

"Rome's fall was presaged by the sleazy corruption of its politicians. As a fat, self-indulgent middle class raised their children to be sheep, enemies raised theirs to be wolves!" ~ Jeff Brunken



USEFUL LINKS FOR FIREARM OWNER'S INFO



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Open carry information State Police information site. http://www.michigan.gov/documents/msp/MSP Legal Update No. 86 2 336854 7.pdf Michigan CPL Laws State Police information site. http://www.michigan.gov/msp/0,1607,7-123-1591 3503 4654---,00.html **Michigan Open Carry** https://www.miopencarry.org Michigan Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners https://mcrao.org/ **Michigan Gun Owners** https://home.migunowners.org/ National Association for Gun Rights https://www.nationalgunrights.org/ **Firearms Policy Institute** https://www.firearmspolicy.org/ **Great Lakes Gun Rights** https://greatlakesgunrights.org/ NRA http://home.nra.org/ USCCA https://www.usconcealedcarry.com/ **National Shooting Sports Foundation** https://www.nssf.org/ **Civilian Marksmanship Program** https://thecmp.org/ Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms (CCRKBA) https://www.ccrkba.org/ 1 million moms against gun control https://www.1mmagc.org/ **Armed American Radio** https://armedamericanradio.org/ **Second Amendment Foundation** https://www.saf.org/



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