FOAC - Monthly Meeting Agenda
March 8, 2020

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence – Troops / Prayer

Roll Call: Quorum [Yes] [No]
1) Kim Stolfer 4) Aaron Bernstine 7) Chip Gallo 10) Leon Baker
3) Danielle Ohliger 6) Roger Kronz 9) Dan McMonigle

2. Approval of Proposed Agenda:
   2.1. Changes (if any):

3. Guest Speaker(s):

4. Secretary’s Report: FOAC Secretary: Dale Brackin
   4.1 Minutes
   4.2 Correspondence

5. Technology Report — FOAC monthly meetings live online – sign on link is available at the events listing on the FOAC Website, FOAC Facebook page, and is sent with newsletter and agenda email prior to each meeting.
   5.1 Website Tutorial – Useful resources – County Officials, State Officials and Legislation Tags – available under Legislation tab – these features can be accessed whether or not you are logged in as a member - https://foac-pac.org/

6. FOAC needs your help – volunteer request– FOAC Spring Gun Bash is already upon us - https://foac-pac.org/Gun-Bash - Volunteers are always needed especially Friday at setup as well as Saturday the day of the bash – volunteers are asked to show up on Friday at 10 am at the fairgrounds and on Saturday at 10 am – should you have any question re volunteering contact Danielle dohliger@foacpac.org

7. Spring Gun Bash – Herb/Danielle Ohliger – March 21st

8. Election Issues – 2020 is a dangerous election year both at the State and Federal levels. This is a critical year to not only maintain control but to also an opportunity to advance it both at the State and Federal levels – Losing seats to antifreedom socialists will be a disaster for our Constitutional Representative Republic as well as our RTKBA to protect ourselves and our loved ones. Visualize the tyranny in New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Illinois, California, Virginia coming to our State as well as spreading out across the entire country. The FOAC voter guides for the primary (General Primary April 28th) will be forthcoming – use them and pass on them on - be vocal in your sportsmen’s clubs as to how critical this election will be. Put in some time working for your candidate. Link to important 2020 election dates:

Because of retirements from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives alone, there will be 16 open seats with the majority of them being vacated by pro-gun incumbents. When you couple the retirements with the open seats and then look at how slim the pro-gun majorities are in both the Pennsylvania Senate in Pennsylvania House of Representatives it becomes starkly apparent that we can ill afford apathy in these elections. We already have a Governor that would eagerly sign any gun control legislation. Should control of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives or Pennsylvania Senate or both swing to the Democrats then we “will” see the very same approach that is now unraveling and on full display in Virginia. This will mean that the entire top government offices of Pennsylvania will have become Democrat and anti-gun! Let that one sink in for a moment! Think
about ERPO/Red Flag Laws and gun bans and ammo bans and travel restrictions and repeal of Castle Doctrine and self-defense limits and more 'all' being signed into law HERE!

8.1.1 Make-up of Legislative Chambers

PA State – PA House – there are 203 seats 93 Ds 107 Rs and 3 vacant. Terms are 2 years and the entire house is up for re-election every two years. Mike Turzai is the speaker (planning to resign) and Bryan Cutler is the Majority Leader

PA Senate – there are 50 seats 21 Ds 28 Rs and 1 Independent – Terms are 4 years and elections are staggered with one half seats being up every two years – John Fetterman (D) as Lt Governor is the President of the Pa Senate and Jake Corman (R) is the Majority Leader. A majority vote is needed to pass legislation in each chamber and a 2/3 majority of both chambers is necessary to override a Governor’s veto – that’s 136 in the House and 34 in the Senate

US – US House – 435 seats – 232 Ds 197 Rs 5 vacancies – 218 needed for majority – terms are 2 years and seats are up every even year

US Senate – 100 seats – 45 Ds 53 Rs and 2 Is – 51 needed for majority – terms are 6 years and elections are staggered with one third being up every 2 years

8.1.2 Is Voter Fraud Real? – video https://www.prageru.com/video/is-voter-fraud-real/ - bloated voter rolls, ballot harvesting, voting by non-citizens – here in Pa? https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2020/02/27/lawsuit-1-6k-dead-people-registered-to-vote-in-pittsburgh-pennsylvania/ - 1,583 deceased registrants, 7,500 duplicates, 1,178 missing birthdates, 193 missing dates of registration, 35 with out of state addresses – lawsuit filed against Allegheny County by the Public Interest Foundation – one example documented an individual registered to vote 7 times in one day while out of the state – Rep Metcalfe has also addressed this as a problem in Pa documenting that there are 11,198 non-citizens registered to vote in Pa – research estimates that there over 2 million non-citizens registered nationwide https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2019/jan/30/pennsylvania-11000-non-citizens-registered-vote/ Will the expense of new voter machines prevent or aide this?

8.1.3 Special Elections- there are three coming up on March 17. These are the result of incumbents moving on to other positions. Pa House District 8 (Northwest Pa Butler and Mercer Counties) vacated by Rep Neshbitt (R, FOAC rating A) – House District 18 (Southeast Pa, Philadelphia and surrounding suburbs) vacated by Rep Digirolamo (R, FOAC rating D) – House District 58 (Southwest Pa parts of Westmoreland County) vacated by Walsh (R, FOAC rating A) – FOAC has endorsed Eric Davanzo for the 58th district race and Tim Bonner for the 8th district race.

9. Current activist issues &efforts -

9.1 Preemption violations – Pgh Preemption Lawsuit Update - On February 20th FOAC general counsel Joshua Prince notified us that the Commonwealth Court has scheduled the docket for the appeal by the city of Pittsburgh to their loss in the Court of Common Pleas over their illegal ordinances. The city must submit their briefs by March 31 and then FOAC will then respond.

Again, the city of Pittsburgh has five attorneys dedicated to this case with three of them coming from Michael Bloomberg’s anti-gun group Everytown! We believe strongly that our attorney, Joshua Prince, is more than a match for these attorneys! We would very much appreciate any donation you are in the position to make to our legal defense fund so we can continue to carry the fight to the City of Pittsburgh to which we are committed! We cannot do this without you! If you have already donated please know that we greatly appreciate your support and thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

9.1.1 FOAC’s war chest needs replenishing – please consider donating to help fight these egregious assaults on your Freedom by scofflaw officials https://foac-pac.org/Donate

9.2 Democratic Socialism is Communism -video https://www.prageru.com/video/democratic-socialism-is-still-socialism/ - Read more https://www.ammoland.com/2020/02/what-utopia-democratic-socialism-is-communism-“There is no difference between Communism and socialism, except in the means of achieving the same end: Communism enslaves men by force, Socialism, by

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vote. It is merely the difference between murder, and suicide!” ~ Ayn Rand. One Professor’s classroom experiment https://www.economicvoice.com/why-socialism-doesnt-work/- entitlement but no work, what this kind of thinking breeds (video)

9.3 State Appropriations Committee Hearing – PICS. – Rep Ortitay does a good job questioning PSP about their handling of the PICS system (video) – HB1244. https://foac-pac.org/Proposed-Pennsylvania-House-Legislation-HB1244/State-Law/3513 - This legislation would eliminate the PA Instant Check System (PICS) and turn over firearm background check responsibility to the FBI’s NICS Program providing more effective background checks, a more reliable system and saving Pa residents millions of dollars. This money could be spent on going after career recidivist criminals who perpetrate the majority of crime.

9.4 Murders at Milwaukee Brewery, another Gun Free Zone

9.5 Concealed Carry Progress 1986 to 2019 – despite the proliferation of the disarmament narrative in the media and on the part of D presidential candidates and elected officials the reality is that there has been substantial progress across the nation in regards to affirming RTKBA – see link for an animated map demonstrating this https://www.gun-nuttery.com/rtc.php

9.6 The SASO Saga Continues – Problems and FOAC’s Alternative Directions - FOAC is being criticized for its position on the Second Amendment Sanctuary Ordinance movement here in Pa. FOAC has clearly explained the problems with SASOs in Pa in its position statement available on the website under the Special Studies tab under Law Reference https://foac-pac.org/uploads/Reports-Studies/FOAC_Position-Sanctuary-Ordinances-SASO-2020-02-26.pdf The most basic problem with these ordinances is that they violate state preemption law. In the absence of the Pa General Assembly failing to strengthen preemption, FOAC has been the bastion in protecting state preemption protection for many years, winning each legal action but expending a quarter of a million dollars to do so. It is also important to recognize that Pa is not Virginia (at least not yet) and that dangers we are facing are specific to PA. Legislators in Pa have not passed the laws that confront the residents of Virginia.

9.6.1 Alternative Plans for Action to Protect our RTKBA in Pa:
Elections – The most important immediate priority in PA is the upcoming elections and maintaining and advancing control in the Senate and House – FOAC voter guides are forthcoming – distribute and use them, work for candidates and VOTE

Push HB1066 – Continuing preemption violations are one of the main threats we face in PA. This bill would strengthen preemption and make local violations incur determinantal consequences. The bill currently has 83 sponsors – https://foac-pac.org/Proposed-Pennsylvania-House-Legislation-HB1066/State-Law/3485 – all non-sponsoring legislators need contacted – phone, email and office addresses are available on the FOAC website https://foac-pac.org/PA-Legislator-Info Emails can be sent directly to legislators from the FOAC website.

Constitutional Resolutions – While local officials are prohibited from passing any laws pertaining to firearms (Ordinances) they still retain the right of free speech and can petition the Pa General Assembly to abide by the Constitution as well as Article 1 section 21 (Resolutions). RTKBA advocates can meet with their local officials to urge these resolutions to be sent to every member of the General Assembly. FOAC is willing to provide a draft for any local officials committed to do so.

10. Presentations& Media:

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10.1 FOAC President Kim Stolfer and FOAC VP Chip Gallo spoke along with Stephen Willeford at The Lincoln’s Birthday Freedom Rally sponsored by Survival Mindset at the Altoona Grand on Feb 12, 6pm. State Reps Jim Gregory and Lou Schmitt were also in attendance.

10.2 Kim participated in a Concealed Carry event in Carlisle Pa, February 15.

10.3 President Kim Stolfer was the featured speaker at 2nd Amendment Town Hall Meeting which took place at the Zem Zem Shrine Club in Erie Pa

10.4 FOAC Board Member Dan McMonigle will be speaking March 8th at the Libertarian Convention in Philadelphia. There are also plans to have a FOAC table.

10.5 President Kim Stolfer was invited to participate in a Convention of States Town Hall Debate held on April 9th in Carlisle Pa by the Western Cumberland County Republican Club. Kim will be presenting an opposing view highlighting the dangers inherent in this convention. https://foac-pac.org/uploads/talking_points/Testimony-19-10-22-Con-Con-PA_House-Final-C3.pdf see link for FOAC position paper.

10.6 FOAC will have a table at the 2020 Pennsylvania Leadership Conference Mach 27 and 28 at the Radisson in Camp Hill Pa

11. State Legislative Update: On both the State and Federal levels we see the introduction of the antigun extremists wish list deceptively peddled as safety measures – Two of the biggest threats on both levels being pushed by gun grabbers are ERPOs and Universal Background Checks – many republican lawmakers are not only supporting these bad laws but actually introducing them None of these measures have ever been proven to provide safety or reduce crime and many have been shown to increase crime as well as to significantly reduce safety. All these bills disarm responsible law-abiding people and empower criminals. Should the antigun candidates gain majorities in this years election their wish list will become our reality.

-At our State level one of the most pressing issues is the continuing violation of state preemption law by scofflaw officials. While this offense if convicted carries a penalty of 5 years in prison, not one of the government officials has been charged let alone prosecuted. The enforcement of Pa law has fallen instead to the pockets of law abiding citizens (specifically FOAC members who have spent tens of thousands of dollars) to mount legal challenges in the courts to these illegal actions. Where are our Pa legislators? Representative Mark Keller’s bill HB1066 which would significantly strengthen Pa state preemption and stop these illegal violations currently has 83 sponsors. https://foac-pac.org/Proposed-Pennsylvania-House-Legislation-HB1066-State-Law/3485 This legislation would strengthen PA’s firearm preemption law and is desperately needed to prevent the numerous preemption violations taking place by scofflaw local officials. Without this in place citizens are left to fund expensive litigation against these government criminals out of their own pockets. This protection instead should be coming from our Pa lawmakers.


11.1PA State House – currently there 117 firearm related bills -53 anti-gun and 44 pro-gun - https://foac-pac.org/Proposed-Pennsylvania-House-Legislation – the others are under review by FOAC– see the FOAC link for complete up to date legislative info.

11.2PA Senate – 45 total bills 25 anti-gun and 10 pro-gun– the others are under review by FOAC-https://foac-pac.org/Proposed-Pennsylvania-Senate-Legislation

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11.2.1 Of Note SB 1025 (Santarsiero F- Rating) – attempt to repeal the Castle Doctrine.

12. Federal Issues:

12.1 Legislation:
12.1.1 US House Bills-160 total bills – 95 anti-gun and 38 pro-gun refer to https://foac-pac.org/Proposed-Federal-House-Legislation for a description on all US House bills – Universal Background Checks HR 8 – called The Bipartisan Background Check Act of 2019 (230D’s and 3 R’s Peter King, Brian Fitzpatrick, Brian Mast). Peddled deceptively as a simple addition to the existing background checks. this bill criminalizes the private transfer of firearms and targets law-abiding gun owners for persecution. It makes criminals out of law-abiding gun owners for simply loaning a firearm to a friend or some family members. And, sets the stage for government registration. Four ERPO bills HR 744 (Katto) (R), HR1236 (This bill has 209 D sponsors and 1 R Christopher Smith), HR 1745, HR 3076. Pro-gun bills include HR 38, (Hudson’s Concealed Carry Reciprocity bill which provides the better protection.) and HR 155, HR 775, bills which remove current oppressive regulation of these important hearing protection devices.

12.1.2 US Senate Bills –57 bills, 31 anti-gun and 17 pro-gun - https://foac-pac.org/Proposed-Federal-Senate-Legislation ERPO bills include S 7 introduced by (R) Marco Rubio and S 506 (Feinstein). Assault Weapons Ban S 66 (Feinstein), Universal Background Checks S 42 (Murphy) Desperately needed Pro-gun bills which protect the health of firearm owners as well as extending self and family protection across the country by requiring states to recognize other states carry permits have seen no movement by Republican leadership: S 69 National Reciprocity legislation from Sen. Cornyn.(32 sponsors and languishing in the Senate Judiciary Committee since last January) – S 202, S 817, S 1943 common sense measures to end the restriction on a hearing safety device that has suffered from media stereotypes.

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13.1 **Washington County Gun Show** – April 4th and 5th- Volunteers needed – Please Contact -- Kevin Jackson rubyred933@hotmail.

13.2 **PA Gun Collectors Gun Show** – no show in March, other dates TBDS – Pittsburgh Mills, Tarentum - Volunteers needed – Please Contact -- Rich Whiteside richandtammy@thewhitesides.com

13.3 2020 RTKBA Harrisburg Rally set for June 8th 10am on front steps on the Capitol

13.4 **FOAC will be participating in several Concealed Carry Seminars over the next months – these are in demand from legislators and other organizations and are well attended – see FOAC events page for more details https://foac-pac.org/Events**

March 11 – Concealed Carry Seminar – Claysville American Legion (Washington County) – 7 pm Commissioner Maggi

March 12 – VFD Monongahela – Rep. Cook

March 14 – Point Marion Fire Hall – Rep. Dowling


March 21 – FOAC SPRING GUN BASH – Washington Fairgrounds

April 2 - Concealed Carry Seminar Sponsored by PA Reps. Cook, Dowling and Warner – Smock Fire Hall

April 18 - Concealed Carry Seminar by PA Rep. Puskaric - Blaine Hills Fire Dept

April 28 - Pennsylvania Primary Election

14. Good of the Order:

15. Adjournment