



FOAC - Monthly Meeting Agenda

July 12, 2020

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

Roll Call: Quorum [Yes] [No]

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| 1) Kim Stolfer | 4) Aaron Bernstine | 7) Chip Gallo | 10) Leon Baker |
| 2) Jim Stoker | 5) Ed Bogats | 8) Gerald Jackson | 11) Klint Macro |
| 3) Danielle Ohliger | 6) Open Seat | 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– Minutes

5. Fundraiser: FOAC unfortunately has lost the two major fund raisers this year – the Spring and Fall Gun Bash. The facility where these are held remains closed to group events. Our continuing legal battles as well as the support for candidates in the extremely critical fall elections all require funding. In order to address this the FOAC BOD is in the process of putting together a raffle. Tickets will include 26 top grade firearms once a week for 26 weeks. The cost of the tickets will be \$50. We will be sending out information when the tickets are ready for sale.

6. Election Issues: The FOAC Voter Guides update from the primary are being completed and will be available on the website <https://foac-pac.org/Voter-Guide>

6.1Politicalization of the Corona Virus and intended effect on the Presidential Election in November – Dr Cyril Wecht – interview with Wendy Bell:

<https://kdkaradio.radio.com/articles/wecht-calls-pa-mandatory-mask-order-by-levine-totally-absurd> and article <https://outkick.com/world-renowned-pathologist-democrat-dr-cyril-wecht-slams-mask-order/> “This has been so over politicized, it’s disgusting. And yes, I am a Democrat, but I am the first one to say the Democratic governors and other Democratic politicians are pushing hard for this because it looks bad for Trump and the longer it goes on, the worse it is for Trump – even interims of his campaigning. “The ultra-left-wing liberals on the Democratic side – they’re total lunatics too,” he said. “Let’s deal with this in an objective way.” Remember it is also justification for the mail in ballot schemes.

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7.Media: Kim Stolfer was a guest on KDKA Radio with Lynne Hayes Freeland and Robert Mangino on the issue of the St. Louis incident and also the Wilksburg Mayor on the issue of firearms, protesters and self defense.<https://kdkaradio.radio.com/media/audio-channel/kim-stolfer-0>

7.1 Related events: Pushback against lawless violence

7.1.1 St Louis couple defend against protest group committing criminal trespass, destruction of property and death threats – while not the poster couple for best firearm management they got the job done and the threat was successfully resolved without violence – they were instantly vilified – the spin was couple pulls gun on peaceful protestors as they were cutting through their private street (protestors destroyed a metal gate entering a private community where there is no trespassing) - and now the couple face a radical activist prosecutor who is using her position to enforce her radical political agenda instead of appropriately enforcing the law <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CiIZTVuSUiY>

Follow up – the Marxist Mob continues to harass and torment this couple, prompting them to board up their home. <https://twitter.com/MaybeAmes/status/1279397902406823941> Review of the couples self-protection response by the Conservative Twins <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ByasOe6LIAIv>

Leftists have long used the infamous slogan, “**The issue is never the issue, the issue is always the revolution.**” One look at the BLM organization’s website shows that the idea of protecting black lives and seeking justice is merely a vehicle to advance a different, radical set of ideas. The organization is more dedicated to gaining political power and remaking America according to Marxist ideology. Two of the group’s three co-founders are even “trained Marxists,” according to one of them. The group’s platform includes planks unrelated to improving black lives, like trying to get the U.S. to divest from Israel, which it calls an “apartheid state” while accusing Jews of committing genocide against Palestinians

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8J68p5l-giQ> Article <https://www.heritage.org/civil-society/commentary/nations-values-under-attack-we-must-do-stop-the-lefts-socialist-agenda>

7.1.2 Gettysburg July 4th threats – Information was circulating on social media that antifa and BLM planned flag burning, destruction and violence at Gettysburg Cemetery - FOAC Board Member Leon Baker was on the scene and he described an overwhelming show of force from local state and federal agencies and even more so by patriots. Antifa and BLM never showed up. This was essentially a repeat of a similar situation in 2017 with the same result – no significant incidents occurred. Liberal media spun this as an overreaction by right wing extremists to fake rumors. While a more objective perspective would look at antifa simply deciding attempting to ply their violent agenda was, at both times very unwise due to the clear and definite protective stand by patriots and law enforcement.

7.1.3 Florida Sheriff Vows to Deputize Gun Owners to Protect Citizens from Rioters – Sheriff Daniels as well as several of his Deputies are Black Americans. “Lawlessness? That’s unacceptable in this country.

Lawlessness is unacceptable in Clay County,” he said. “If we can’t handle you, I’ll exercise the power and authority as the sheriff and I’ll make special deputies of every lawful gun owner in the county and I’ll deputize them to this one purpose: to stand in the gap between lawlessness and civility,”

https://www.gunsamerica.com/digest/sheriff-vows-to-deputize-gun-owners-to-protect-citizens-from-rioters/?utm_source=email&utm_medium=20200703_FridayDigest_285&utm_campaign=/digest/sheriff-vows-to-deputize-gun-owners-to-protect-citizens-from-rioters/

7.1.4 Alarming rise in violent crime in Atlanta and New York over the past month -

Murders up 86% in last month, 22% rise in aggravated assaults, 14% increase in burglaries. How is the COVID Blue working for these people? Atlanta politicians declared Police the enemy so why should cops take a bullet or an indictment for them? Atlanta Councilman Antonia Brown is surprised that criminals take advantage of less cops! “It’s just unfortunate that there are individuals that are taking advantage of the opportunity of this divide between police and community, and you have incidents like this that are happening,” DUH!! What happens to one species when you remove its natural predator, the one that keeps the numbers in check from the ecosystem? Brown simply says these shootings need to stop. NYC Mayor and City Council cut about 1 billion dollars from NYPD budget. Over the weekend 9 individuals were killed and 41 wounded. **Six Weeks, Six Cities, 600 Murders** The single most important issue, affecting some of the largest swaths of populations in America, is the scandal the media ignores even as it explodes in our faces. In only six weeks, city after city operated by entrenched Democrats have seen a massive expansion in lawlessness, violence, and murder. Stunningly, many news outlets seem gob smacked and mystified at how or why such an explosion of lawlessness has occurred. So why did all of these cities take such violent turns? Is it because their leadership capitulated to the anger of the mobs as opposed to thinking clearly and strategically about an effective response? They are allowing Marxists and Anarchists to create complete chaos and disorder. They also seem utterly unconcerned about any lives mattering, black or white. <https://foac-pac.org/Six-Weeks-Six-Cities-600-Murders/News-Item/11218>

7.1.4.1 When your failed policies create chaos, blame guns. – A crime storm is taking place in cities New York City, Chicago, Atlanta and Seattle and more. Murders in Chicago were up by

78 percent in June, criminal shootings were up by 75 percent, in June, over 2019's figures - a 3-year-old was murdered on Father's Day and a 14-year-old boy and 7-year-old girl were murdered over July 4th weekend. City leaders are engaging in a blame game – blaming the inanimate object the gun – rather than accountability when the consequences of failed policies wreak havoc in their communities. Laying the blame at the feet of the criminals committing the crimes would be problematic because it would call into question a series of poor decisions that left citizens vulnerable and forfeited their streets to criminals. Chicago's Democrat Mayor commenting on the meteoric rise in crime "We have way too many guns on the street." Additional factors include mayors and governors releasing prisoners back into the community, eliminating bail, slashing police budgets, and disbanding effective police units. These problems are not an issue of lawful gun ownership. These are crimes. People lawfully buying firearms today are overwhelmingly saying they are concerned for their personal safety. These cities don't have a gun problem. They have a crime problem. They also have a leadership problem that will scapegoat the issue and expose their citizens to criminals who will prey on the most vulnerable in our communities. <https://www.ammoland.com/2020/07/nssf-mayors-play-blame-game-as-lawlessness-grows/#ixzz6RoY7VjDd>

7.1.5 Self Defense Criteria – While state law may vary to some degree a generally accepted standard for self-defense includes: Deadly force may only be used when there is an immediate, unavoidable and reasonable danger of death great/grave bodily harm to an innocent person, where no other option exists other than the use of deadly force.

Use of Force Definition and Terms: In order for deadly force to be justified in most states, three factors must generally exist. **First, Ability:** Does the attacker have the power or capability to immediately kill or grievously injure an innocent person? **Second, Opportunity:** Is the attacker close enough to use that ability to kill or inflict injury right away? **Third, Jeopardy:** Does the perpetrator intend to carry out a potentially deadly attack? In other words, would a reasonable and prudent person believe you, as the victim, are in immediate jeopardy of death or great bodily harm?

1. You MUST be REASONABLY in fear of immediate death great bodily harm (and in PA kidnaping or rape) to yourself or another
2. You must be an innocent party
3. No lesser force is sufficient or available to stop the threat
4. There is no reasonable means of retreat or escape (May not be a requirement in some states.... like here in PA) Pa is a Stand Your Ground State and while retreat is not a legal requirement at times a safe retreat may be the wisest option.

The Importance of Situational Awareness. – While always critical for self-protection and survival situational awareness is even more so now considering the escalating climate of violence, mob behavior, random attacks and ambushes. Time is life.

8. Current activist issues & efforts

8.1 FOAC vs Pittsburg and FOAC vs Harrisburg–. Pittsburgh appealed the decision of Commonwealth Judge James declaring their ordinances illegal and they maintain that in spite of PA Preemption they have the authority to regulate firearms. No further developments as of last update. Harrisburg appealed the Commonwealth Court's decision to grant FOAC standing. The appeal will be heard by the Pa Supreme Court. Harrisburg submitted their brief. Cease Fire and The County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania et al. both submitted Amicus briefs in support of Harrisburg. Both Pittsburgh and Philadelphia joined in by submitting an amicus in support of Harrisburg. Essentially all of these are asking the Pa Supreme Court to reverse the Commonwealth Court decision to grant standing to FOAC and the Firearm Owners.

8.2 Pro Gun Bills Moving in Pa House – within a week after Rep Cutler assumed the Speaker position we have seen movement on pro-gun bills. Pro-gun bills were absolutely stagnant under the previous Speaker Turzai's lead. **HB 102**(Act 27) a law promoting Hunter education in PA schools was

passed in both houses and signed by the Governor. <https://foac-pac.org/Proposed-Pennsylvania-House-Legislation-HB102/State-Law/3222> **HB 1188**, which eliminates/deletes the prohibition on thermal and night vision devices for hunting in Pa, was passed by both Houses and signed by the Governor. <https://foac-pac.org/Proposed-Pennsylvania-House-Legislation-HB1188/State-Law/3503>

HB2440 makes the entire firearms industry, retailers, and shooting ranges life-sustaining businesses and protects them from arbitrary closure during a state of emergency and it brings Pa in line with the Department of Homeland Security's Essential Critical Infrastructure guidelines which considers the whole firearms industry essential. It was passed in the House 124-78 on May 20 and sent to the Senate on the same date. On June 17 it was referred to the Senate State Government Committee where it still sits. FOAC was effective in moving this bill through amendments to finally achieve its very acceptable language

HB 1747 was passed in the House (124-74) <https://foac-pac.org/Proposed-Pennsylvania-House-Legislation-HB1747/State-Law/3714> This legislation, introduced by Rep Dowling, would repeal the Emergency Declaration law that enables a ban on firearms sales and possession for citizens if it is a Declared Emergency and limits the governor's ability to limit access to firearms during an emergency declaration. This legislation has been a focus of FOAC for nearly 4 (four) years and our desire to see this moved increased with the recent Emergency Declarations. Passage of this legislation will remove very onerous language in a section of PA law, in *Title 18's Uniform Firearms Act*, that currently **disarms EVERY PA Citizen** who does not have a License to Carry Concealed Firearms (LTCF) during declared Emergencies. The portions of Sections **6107** and **7301** that [HB 1747 seeks](#) to remove are unconstitutional, as they prohibit law-abiding individuals from being able to exercise their constitutional rights and defend their lives. ***The curtailment of constitutional rights is never authorized, especially in a time of emergency***, when the exercise of those rights is of paramount importance. Passed in the House on June 24 it headed to the Senate on that date and on June 30th went to the Judiciary where it has remained.

Action Step: Please call Pa Senators and ask them what the Senate plans to do with HB 2440 and HB1747 – they need passed by the Senate. Contact information can be found here <https://foac-pac.org/PA-Legislator-Info> President Pro Tem of the Senate is Joe Scarnati (A rated by FOAC) and Majority Leader is Jake Corman (B rated by FOAC).

8.3 SCOTUS Timidity- The Roberts' Supreme Court Will Not Defend the Second Amendment!- <https://foac-pac.org/The-Roberts-Supreme-Court-Will-Not-Defend-The-Second-Amendment!/Legal-News-Item/1193> - What are we seeing by this Judicial Body? **1.** DACA Decision (Obama's 2012 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program "which was unlawful from the start". Alito). Roberts and the liberal justices refused 5-4 to allow the Trump administration to terminate the unlawful DACA program implemented by the Obama administration without congressional approval. **2.** The decision authored by Justice Neil Gorsuch where six of the nine justices took it upon themselves to legislate from the bench by rewriting and effectively amending the language of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to include sexual orientation and gender identity—something Congress specifically has rejected. **3. SCOTUS refused to take a single one of the ten Second Amendment cases** filed with the court, requesting it to overturn the flawed decisions of federal appeals courts. Those courts held, for instance, that states are justified in not allowing you to exercise your right to bear arms outside your home unless you can prove you have "good reason" to do so. The refusal of states to allow citizens to practice their Second Amendment right outside their homes is a "ban on the ability of most citizens to exercise an enumerated right." (Thomas/Kavanaugh). It is the same as telling you that while you can exercise your First Amendment right of free speech to criticize the government when you are in your home, the government won't allow you to do it out in public unless you can satisfy some government official that you have a good reason for voicing that criticism.

So on the one hand, we have the Supreme Court overstepping its authority to legislate from the bench and allow unlawful and unconstitutional actions by the federal government to continue. And on

the other hand, the high court isn't using its authority to prevent unconstitutional actions by state governments infringing the constitutional rights of law-abiding citizens.

<https://www.heritage.org/courts/commentary/daca-ruling-supreme-courts-latest-act-political-timidity>

8.4 The Tactical Rabbi - Rabbi Raziel Cohen has become an Ambassador for JPFO – This was facilitated by FOAC Member and JPFO Ambassador Richard Busch. Richard is also discussing FOAC membership with Rabbi Cohen - <https://www.gunsamerica.com/digest/the-tactical-rabbi-joins-jpfo-as-ambassador/>

9. Legislation: Pa Senate 48 bills 28 anti-gun 10 pro-gun. Pa House 123 bills, 56 anti-gun 46 pro-gun. US Senate 63 bills, 35 anti-gun 10 pro-guns. US House 168 bill, 100 anti-gun 40 pro-gun.

All legislation details can be found on the FOAC website under Legislation tab. <https://foac-pac.org/Proposed-Federal-House-Legislation> Keep in mind that all those anti-gun bills are ready to be unleashed on the American People depending on the results of the fall election.

A bill was introduced in the Pa House, HB1753, recently which would require training before allowing a firearm purchase. Does any other civil right affirmed by the bill of rights require training before exercising? No! Do people realize that the irresponsible exercise of the first amendment – free speech – has resulted in enormous numbers of death and destruction over the years and is far more dangerous than any exercise of 2A ever has been.

10. Events: The event situation is very fluid currently. Please check the FOAC website for updates <https://foac-pac.org/Events>

11. Good of the Order:

12. Adjournment