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FOAC - Monthly Meeting Agenda

October 11, 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:

1.1. Changes (if any):

3. Guest Speaker(s):

4. Secretary's Report: FOAC Secretary: Dale Brackin– Minutes

5. Fundraiser: The '26 in 26'2021 FOAC Virtual Gun Bash tickets are available for sale. Tickets cost \$50. In line with FOAC tradition the firearms on the ticket are high quality desirable selections. Remember gun bashes are FOAC's primary fund-raising vehicle – the main way our war chest is refilled so we can continue the fight to defend Freedom as well as our right and ability to protect ourselves and our loved ones.

4 ways to buy:

1.) **Online at** <https://foac-pac.org/FOAC-Raffles>

2.) **By Mail** – 1316 Lindbergh Avenue Pittsburgh PA 15223, c/o Dale Brackin.

\$50.00 per ticket, Name Address Phone and email for each ticket, and a self-addressed stamped envelope.

3.) **Ace Sporting Goods** - Washington PA

4.) **Your favorite FOAC ticket Sales Person**

More info is available at <https://foac-pac.org/FOAC-Raffles/24> and www.facebook.com/groups/1472700812979245/

6. Election Issues: The FOAC Voter Guides are available on the website for all state and federal races. We encourage you to use the Voter Guides and make copies to pass out. We are currently evaluating critical races in Pa to determine which will need additional support. <https://foac-pac.org/Voter-Guide>. This election is about stemming the increasing tide of national destruction. Lincoln said about America, “we are the last, best hope.” Will Americans choose to ensure that we remain so?

6.1 The Trump “Wallace” Debates – Who exactly was President Trump debating? This was clearly a 2 vs 1 tag team battle and as usual Trump deals exceptionally well with bullies. Wallace was a completely biased moderator. Wallace interrupted Trump 76 times and Biden 15 times. Liberals dissed Wallace for not being able to rein in Our President. Good luck with that!!!!

6.2 Voting corruption continues to emerge – DOJ orders Luzerne County to change its ballots practices after multiple military ballots were found discarded in a dumpster. Investigation found that this was a problem also in the primary election but never corrected. Pa officials respond by stating this was not intentional fraud but a lack of staff training. Of course, 78% of the ballots were cast in favor of Trump. <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/military-ballots-trump-pennsylvania>

Project Veritas uncovered serious fraud in ballot handling in a Minnesota district involving the practice known as ballot harvesting. <https://nypost.com/2020/09/27/project-veritas-uncovers-ballot->

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[harvesting-fraud-in-minnesota/](#) D Congressional Rep Tulsi Gabbard from Hawaii stated that voter fraud is a serious threat and has introduced a bill to outlaw ballot harvesting.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yE3URnACoko> Ds have used this system successfully and even flipped seven House seats in the 2018 elections so they are unlikely to want to outlaw its use. In Pa the court blocked people from delivering other voters' absentee ballots — a practice Democrats call "community collection" and Republicans deem "ballot harvesting." The ruling to give the legal green light to drop boxes however is another win for the Democrats.

6.3 Republican Voters against Trump Long on Smears, Short on Transparency – Billboard on Rt 30 and Rt 119 states “I am a Veteran and Republican and I am voting for Biden”. Interestingly this is near the BLM billboard. This campaign alleges “hardcore conservatives “voting for Biden. On their website are hundreds of testimonials from self-proclaimed Republicans. They all are only identified by their first name, meaning people have no way of checking up on them, maybe looking at their social media sites and seeing if they really have histories of being the “conservative Republicans” they’re being presented to be. Their attacks are all ad hominem logical fallacies based on Democrat character smears, allegations, and talking point spin. They’re personal, unsubstantiated, and devoid of any kind of meaningful issue analyses or comparisons of party and candidate platforms. None of them are espousing Republican values. On the contrary, many sound just like Democrats. It’s not unfair to wonder if what we’re seeing isn’t some kind of elaborate illusion performed by a calculating mind and enabled by manipulated useful idiots and pretenders. “Paid for by Republican Voters Against Trump, a project of Defending Democracy Together” In other words, the fraudulent wizard frantically operating the machinery is none other than neocon Trump-hater William Kristol who, along with other RVAT, are on a single-minded mission to destroy Trump supporters' avatar, and in doing so, destroy the last remnants of what is supposed to make Republicans different from Democrats.<https://www.ammoland.com/2020/09/republican-voters-against-trump-long-on-smears-short-on-transparency/#axzz6ZwfxRIQV>

6.4 Six most misleading claims from Joe Biden –In addition to false claims during the debate, Biden has misled the American public on multiple occasions throughout his career

<https://www.factcheck.org/2020/08/bidens-greatest-hits/?fbclid=IwAR2SC3DKOrE-ERha1JpyHm77nYVpqSK4m-Ubxg0NZRR9UI53a9TkSgG351A> Radio and television carry his ads broadcast multiple times during the day. The core message is President Trump is to blame for all the problems currently going on. So, destroy the economy by shutting down and crippling business, inciting violent riots, freeing criminals from jail and hamstringing the police, then blame what you have done on someone else. Liberals are masters in denial and projection, both primitive defenses which give a clue to the psychological level these individuals are functioning on.

6.5 Your most important local vote? A crucial but often overlooked piece of the Left’s plan to remake America is the election of radical, anti-police district attorneys across the country. The billions of dollars funding local DA elections comes from George Soros. It has for years, and the violence that is excused by these district attorneys is the natural result of their disdain for law and order. Since 2015, George Soros has been executing a plan to reshape the country through local district attorney elections by pumping unprecedented amounts of money into races that typically only see candidates spend in the low five figures. In Philadelphia, Soros spent an insane \$1,700,000 to elect Larry Krasner DA. \$116,000 went to fund Kim Gardner’s re-election bid as St. Louis circuit attorney. She is the activist who is prosecuting the McCloskys.<https://eagleforum.org/publications/insights/your-most-important-local-vote-district-attorney.html> Currently we have a critical election in the Pa’s Attorney General Race. **Heather Heidelbaugh** is endorsed by FOAC. <http://heatherheidelbaugh.com/>

6.6 Google to Block Political Ads Starting the Day After General Election - election night may not give voters a clear idea of the presidential winner, as it has in the past. In an email, Google said the new policy will prevent ads that reference a political candidate or election results in order to avoid confusion. Interesting? <https://patriots4truth.com/google-to-block-political-ads-starting-the-day-after-general-election/>

6.7 Soros-Backed Coalition Preparing for Post-Election Day Chaos - Under the guise of seeking to “prevent a constitutional crisis,” a massive network of well-funded left-wing activists and progressive groups are training, organizing, and planning to mobilize millions of Americans should President Trump

“contest the election results,” refuse to concede, or claim an early victory. More than 80 advocacy groups and grassroots organizations have joined in a broad coalition calling itself “Protect the Results” and proclaiming that “we cannot ignore the threat that Trump poses to our democracy and a peaceful transition of power.” The coalition is a joint project of Indivisible and Stand Up America, two left-wing groups founded in response to President Trump’s 2016 election and whose goals are “to organize and resist Trump’s dangerous agenda” and “to defeat Trump and his enablers.” Both founding groups of the coalition (Indivisible and Stand up America) are part of the Soros-funded Democracy Alliance (DA), the largest network of donors dedicated to building the progressive movement in the U.S. DA’s large body of donors ‘aggregates resources for “focused investment,” marshalling as much as \$80 million per year.

<https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2020/09/17/soros-backed-coalition-preparing-for-post-election-day-chaos-were-going-to-fight-like-hell/>

6.8 Bloomberg helped pay the outstanding fines and fees of 32,000 convicted felons so they could regain their right to vote for the November election. He had raised over 16 million for the Florida Rights Restoration effort as part of the push for the 2018 state constitutional amendment restoring voting rights to felons who served their time and paid their fees and fines.

6.9 Pat Toomey announces his retirement from the Senate – he will not run for reelection in 2022 and will not run for Governor.

7. Current activist issues & efforts:

7.1 FOAC et al v Pittsburgh et al – The Commonwealth Court scheduled the oral arguments to take place on October 14th before the entire court (en banc). This is in regards to Pittsburgh’s appeal of the ruling that all their laws were in violation of Pa State preemption and hence unlawful.

<https://blog.princelaw.com/2019/11/21/pittsburgh-appeals-ruling-that-its-ordinances-are-unlawful/> This will be a video conference meeting. If you are in a position to be able to support this matter, FOAC and Firearms Policy Coalition would greatly appreciate donations, which can be made online through the Firm’s escrow account here – <https://secure.lawpay.com/pages/civilrightsdefensefirm/trust>. Simply place “FOAC Pittsburgh Preemption Litigation” in the reference box.

7.2 Harrisburg 2A Rally –The rescheduled Rally took place on Tuesday, Sept. 29. Despite the rainy weather Several hundred people rallied at the Capitol to hear the lineup of speakers and make a stand for Freedom. Kim Stolfer was in the list of several impassioned speakers.

<https://triblive.com/news/pennsylvania/rally-brings-gun-rights-advocates-to-pennsylvania-capitol/>

7.3 Amy Coney Barrett a Clear 2A Backer – “As a Supreme Court justice, Ruth Bader Ginsburg failed to distinguish between her previous role as general counsel to the ACLU and her role as a judge. Ginsburg went rogue regarding her judicial duties by imposing her own beliefs in the culture war upon the Constitution and acts of Congress.” <https://foac-pac.org/Ginsburg-Was-A-Liberal-Politician-Disguised-As-A-Judge/News-Item/11536> President Trumps nominee Judge Coney Barrett on the other hand is a clear winner for the defense of Freedom, the Constitution and the Republic. Many believed she was the preferred choice to Kavanaugh. Her mentor was Justice Scalia and she appears to have an even broader view of firearm rights than he did. Originalists like Scalia and Barrett are known for their insistence on using the original public meaning of the Constitution to decide what the Constitution means today. Barrett, by replacing Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, will change the SCOTUS dynamic in two ways. First, she becomes a fifth nearly-certain vote to strike down restrictive laws that violate our Second Amendment rights Second, Barrett’s presence could also force Chief Justice Roberts to join that five-vote majority for pragmatic reasons.

<https://www.ammoland.com/2020/09/barrett-decisively-tilts-an-unpacked-scouts-towards-freedom/#axzz6a21mv1ko>

Two significant dissenting opinions *Kanter v Barr* 2019 (While recognizing the undeniably compelling interest in protecting the public from gun violence, she concluded that a blanket ban on owning firearms by nonviolent felons is unconstitutional.) and *United States v Watson* 2018 (Judge Barrett held that mere possession of a gun does not give police the right to stop and investigate

someone for potential wrongdoing.) <https://www.ammoland.com/2020/09/barrett-confirmation-hearings-begin-oct-12-judge-has-2a-record/>

Judge Barrett is also staunchly pro-life and is critical of the ACA and Roberts attempt to preserve it. The Republican Senate needs to move to approve this excellent nominee. D's of course are yelling, screaming and threatening to burn down the country and move to pack the court should Trump get to nominate another Supreme Court Justice. Two-year olds excel at temper tantrums.

7.4 Florida Governor DeSantis did not shoot across the bow of Antifa/BLM, he dropped a tactical nuke – “Violent assembly, 3rd degree felony. Blocking the road? Felony. Don’t touch monuments (no mention of penalty) Harassment of Citizens in public accommodations also penalized, , The most thunderous applause was when he announced that R.I.C.O. will be applied to those organizing or funding riots. If you are arrested in a riot, not Portland’s Catch and Release: you are staying till you see a judge. Touch a cop? Six months mandatory minimum. And enhanced penalties for other crimes committed during the riots. (ouch). To municipalities “If you defund the police, then the state is going to defund any grants or aids coming to you. “If local government is grossly negligent about a riot and let the antifa boys cause damage to citizens and property, Sovereign Immunity will be suspended for that government and citizens can sue the bejesus out of them. If you are convicted of participating in riots, you will no longer be able to get state benefits or employment.” <https://gunfreezone.net/desantis-did-not-shoot-across-the-bow-of-antifa-blm-he-dropped-a-tactical-nuke/> The link contains a video of the Governor delivering this address. This is a bold and necessary first step towards the protection of civil society. Democrats and “peaceful protestors” of course push back saying this is an outrageous prioritization, and that this declares war on civil rights. Other Governors need to take his lead and follow suit.

7.5 Kyle Rittenhouse to Sue Biden for Libel - “Kyle was charged by a Democrat prosecutor in Kenosha for defending himself from multiple attackers who attacked him and attempted to disarm him. If the attackers who Kyle shot did not wish to be harmed, all they had to do was to stop pursuing and attacking him. Kyle Rittenhouse was fleeing pursuit both times he was attacked In the Presidential debate on 29 September, both Chris Wallace, the moderator, and former vice president Joe Biden implied that Kyle Rittenhouse was a white supremacist and a militia member. After the debate, candidate Biden tweeted Kyle's image with the words “white supremacist” above and “as we saw in Kenosha” below.” In spite of the enormous numbers of individuals attempting to find a connection between Kyle and supremacists or an organized militia, absolutely no connection was found. In fact, there was no evidence that any militia which showed up was white supremacist or violent. If anything, the people who showed up were there to protect lives, property and to prevent violence. <https://www.ammoland.com/2020/10/kyle-rittenhouse-to-sue-biden-for-libel-according-to-lawyer/#axzz6a21mv1ko>

7.6 GOA distributed an email announcing that they are suing Philadelphia over the LTCF delays. It will be interesting to watch the course of this litigation.

7.7 The Battlefield has changed. A new Self Protection paradigm needs developed: Beginning Discussion. Traditional self defense training has been to respond to street crime such as robbery, rape, home invasions, and mass murders. The threat however has changed dramatically and much of what we have been doing is not necessarily going to be the best survival options for this new hostile landscape. Training, the more specific it is the more limited it is. Reality, however, has no limits. The first steps in developing a new training paradigm are to understand the nature of the changed threat and to begin to question and re-evaluate what we have believed and used. Some approaches may be able to be retained, others may need modified, some discarded and new ones developed.

7.7.1 Granovetter's Threshold Models of Collective Behavior – This was an attempt to explain why a person would do something so out of the ordinary for them or what society deemed as acceptable. This research was based on riots. Gladwell later expanded this concept of “thresholds” to explain the spread of school mass murders. What can these studies tell us about the dynamics of the threat we now face. <https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2015/10/19/thresholds-of-violence>

7.7.2 The Makeup of the Rioters/Protestors – These groups are not a simple collection of locals gathering together in an activist action. These are instead professionally organized and driven by ideologues who are trained Marxist agitators or provocateurs. These individuals have been trained in how Marxism has toppled countries over the world. This is the case for both Antifa and BLM They are bussed and professionally equipped and funded to previously identified locations. This is essentially mobile guerrilla warfare. This core group then prods another faction of the riots: “useful idiots”. Whenever Marxism operates there is always useful idiots. These are mostly young naïve individuals who are easily seduced by the high virtuous sounding duplicitous word making (lies) which blindly impassions them to believe they are valiant crusaders of a meritorious cause. These individuals are the cannon fodder. Another faction in the riots are violent felons – experienced criminals who have no qualms about engaging in aggressive violence. Initially these groups are operating in areas where they know they will not be held accountable and can operate freely. They know they own the mayor, governor, council, da and in some places even the police. They also know exactly how far they can go without triggering a lethal force response from a lawful concealed carrier. However, anyone who dares oppose them will be prosecuted. Is this phase practice for the next stage?

7.7.3 Examples of Traditional Self Defense Concepts – How do they work in this environment?

- de-escalation
- grappling techniques – ground fighting
- simply presenting the firearm 95% of the time ends the conflict
- in a multiple assault scenario if one attacker is injured or killed the rest will flee
- identify your target
- know your target and what is beyond
- situational awareness
- other examples

8. Media and Events –

8.1 Op-Ed – FOAC responded to FOAC responded to an article by Cease Fire PA regarding HB1747 which was riddled with lies, misinformation and which was geared toward frightening people. Link to FOAC's Op-Ed : <https://www.mcall.com/opinion/mc-opi-let-gun-rights-stolfer-20200922-iuheuuwfvj5ddrfdoglxkob4yze-story.html>

8.2 5th Annual Preparing for an Armed Intruder Conference Holidaysburg Pa – known this year as Freedom Fest – Chip Gallo represented FOAC, set up a table and was available for questions and additional input. Other participants included Rep Jim Gregory, Senator Judy Ward, Stephan Williford (Sutherland Springs), Veteran Lou Lusk (7 Combat Tours), Col Craig Carlson, Sheriff Ott, Jody Salerno (owner Elite Firearms). The free event was organized by Survival Mindset, a Capozzi Group.

8.3 Rod of Iron Freedom Festival - October 9, 10 & 11 Tommy Gun Warehouse, 105 Kahr Ave, Greeley, PA 18425 – Kim along with several other FOAC members will be attending – Kim will be speaking on Friday and Sunday <https://www.rodofironfreedomfestival.org/> Kim's seminar is entitled “Does Freedom Matter in Today's America and Are We On the Verge of Losing It?”

8.4 GOP GET OUT THE VOTE GATHERING AT NORTHMORELAND PARK – October 8th - Klint Macro and Dale Brackin represented FOAC at this event and set up a FOAC table

to distribute information. Several R Candidates as well as incumbents and the Chairs of ACRC and WCRC were listed as speakers.

9. Legislation: PA Senate 50 bills 30 anti-gun 10 pro-gun. Pa House 125 bills, 57 anti-gun 46 pro-gun. US Senate 73 bills, 41 anti-gun 24 pro-guns. US House 180 bills, 110 anti-gun 42 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 both on the State and Federal levels are just waiting to be unleashed on the American People depending on the results of the fall election.

9.1 Significant Pa Bills - HB 1747 and HB 2440, are both poised for passage in the Pennsylvania Senate and awaiting the third reading on the floor. HB1747 info <https://foac-pac.org/Proposed-Pennsylvania-House-Legislation-HB1747/State-Law/3714> HB2440 info <https://foac-pac.org/Proposed-Pennsylvania-House-Legislation-HB2440/State-Law/3967> Further developments will be reviewed at monthly meeting.

9.1.1 HB 1747 – introduced by Rep Dowling (at the request of FOAC), 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. FOAC submitted an Op-ed in response to an article by Cease Fire which was riddled with lies about the bill. Link to FOAC’s response: <https://www.mcall.com/opinion/mc-opi-let-gun-rights-stolfer-20200922-iuheuuwvfj5ddrfdoglxkob4yze-story.html>

9.1.2 HB2440- This bill was amended on the Floor by Rep. Dush and is now very acceptable to 2nd Amendment supporters. This bill received overwhelming support and passed the House by a vote of 124-78 on May 20th. The same day it was moved to the Pa Senate. On June 17th it was referred to the Senate State Government Committee. <https://foac-pac.org/Proposed-Pennsylvania-House-Legislation-HB2440/State-Law/3967>

9.1.3 SR 377 – this bill being cast as espousing term limits, but is in reality a push for a full Article V Constitutional Convention -We view this legislation as very dangerous as it is calling for an Article V Constitutional Convention for a (supposedly) 'single subject when, in reality, a Constitutional Convention once called CANNOT be controlled. <https://foac-pac.org/Proposed-Pennsylvania-Senate-Legislation-SR377/State-Law/4091> FOAC has categorically been in opposition to a COS and has prepared position papers as well as giving testimony to Pa legislature. See this link <https://foac-pac.org/State-Legislation-Talking-Points> Sources in Harrisburg say it is unlikely this bill will move during this session.

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

10.1 US General Election 11/3/2020 -7:00 am to 8:00 pm **Location:** United States of America

11. Good of the Order:

12. Adjournment