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FOAC - Monthly Meeting Agenda

February 14th, 2021

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) Open Seat |
| 2) Jim Stoker | 5) Ed Bogats | 8) Gerald Jackson | 11) Klint Macro |
| 3) Danielle Ohliger | 6) Stephen LaSpina | 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: The '26 in 26'2021 FOAC Virtual Gun Bash -. Drawings take place each Friday for a total of 26 weeks. Thanks, you to all who supported this raffle and best of luck in the drawings.

To see the winning numbers so far click here: <https://foac-pac.org/FOAC-Raffles/24>

6. Election Issues –

6.1 May Primary – FOAC is preparing for the May primary. This election will include County Level positions. A significant amount of time and effort goes into collecting Candidate/Ballot info from all 67 Pa Counties, updating the website data, sending out and reviewing/evaluating questionnaires, and follow up with candidates as necessary to determine which candidates FOAC will support with the eventual completion of the FOAC Voter Guides specific to each County. In a primary FOAC “Recommends” candidates that meet specified pro-gun pro freedom criteria. In the Fall General Election recommended winners then achieve “Endorsed” status. The strength and action of the states will be critical as the Federal government moves forward with the attempts to destroy Freedom.

6.2 “Absolute Proof” video – This video has been circulated extensively in emails recently. It is titled Exposing Election Fraud and the Theft of America by Enemies Foreign and Domestic. If you have not seen it is worth watching. <https://michaeljlindell.com/> a shorter one emphasizing statistical anomalies can be seen here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jsOXMilE0tQ>

6.3 Senator Toomey one of 6 Rs voting to allow impeachment trial to proceed – Another Senator was Mitt Romney who the R party gave us as a Presidential Candidate to run vs Obama and whose health care policies as Governor of Massachusetts served as a model for the Affordable Care Act which was rammed thru by the Obama administration – (things that make you go hmmmm?) The other Rs were Sens. Bill Cassidy of Louisiana, Susan Collins of Maine, Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, Ben Sasse of Nebraska. Toomey is known for being anti-Trump He has previously stated he believes President Trump committed impeachable offenses, that there is no evidence for voter fraud in Pa or anywhere else and that the best outcome would have been for President Trump to resign. Toomey has declared he will not be running for re-election. For the D's to reach the high bar of 2/3 majority vote to pass impeachment in the Senate will be difficult if not impossible.

6.4 HR 1-<https://www.congress.gov/117/bills/hr/1/BILLS-117hr1ih.pdf> This bill has egregious destructive consequences for any future elections. Essentially it eliminates state control of elections and moves election laws to the Federal Government locking in the type fraudulent election schemes we have seen, forever. “November 3, 2020 will be the model for every election to come and the states will not be able to do anything about it.”<https://eagleforum.org/publications/insights/will-voter-fraud-be-endorsed->

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[through-new-federal-legislation.html](https://www.heritage.org/election-integrity/report/the-facts-about-hr-1-the-the-people-act-2019) More details on this bill can be found at <https://www.heritage.org/election-integrity/report/the-facts-about-hr-1-the-the-people-act-2019> and <http://conservativeactionproject.com/conservatives-oppose-h-r-1-the-ultimate-fantasy-of-the-left/>

7. Current Issues & Activist Efforts:

7.1 Tyranny vs Totalitarianism – Clearly seeing reality in a battle is critical. There are many today either in various stages of denial or whose perspectives mitigate what has taken place in our Country. Some are even functioning in a politics as usual mode. This is a serious failure and underestimation of the threat we face and lays the foundation for losing the battle. American colonists experienced and effectively fought against tyranny, the oppressive abuse of power by King George III and the denial of rights such as the direct levying of taxes without representation in Parliament. Tyranny is essentially a monopolization of political control or a dictatorship. While this is bad, the threat we are experiencing today is far far worse. We are facing totalitarianism. Hannah Arendt, a German-American and Jewish philosopher and the expert on totalitarianism states that “a totalitarian society is one which seeks to displace all prior traditions and institutions with the goal of bringing all aspects of society under control of that ideology....it aspires to nothing less than defining and controlling reality.” It seeks to remake reality and nature as well as the nature of man and seeks to not only to control behavior but our emotions, and the most private intimate place of Freedom, our minds and our souls. Truth is whatever the State declares. We must all believe $2 + 2 = 5$. We cannot believe our eyes and our ears but must accept mutually contradictory statements which defy logic. Mussolini describes this as “Everything in the State, nothing outside the State and nothing against the State.” This destroys the essence of man. The extent of control is possible today due to the immense power of technology and the surveillance that follows. The totalitarianism we are experiencing is soft totalitarianism (Live Not By Lies -Dreher). This is softer, smarter and more sophisticated than the hard totalitarianism of a Hitler, Stalin, Mussolini, Mao. Its proceeds insidiously as it masquerades in the lie of kindness and justice, demonizing dissenters and capturing the minds of many especially the atomized young who come to love Big Brother and Big Data – their Oppressors. To defend and protect not only our Country and our Freedom but the essence of our Humanness the threat we face must be seen clearly.

7.2 Further attempts to expand illegitimate power –

7.2.1 Biden Creates Commission to Study Supreme Court Reform – this lays the groundwork for the expansion of the number of Justices. Additionally, Biden stated “There’s a number of alternatives that go well beyond court packing.” So what else may they have in mind? <https://foac-pac.org/Biden-Creates-Commission-to-Study-Supreme-Court-Reform-Report-States/News-Item/11933> Once upon a time in a galaxy far far away.....there existed a separation of powers. Is this now just a fairy tale?

7.2.2 Ending the filibuster by Another Name - One of the last remaining obstacles to the egregious legislation that this administration wants to push through to complete the destruction of the Republic and our Freedom is the Senate **filibuster**. This is essentially an extension of debate which requires 60 votes, not just a simple majority to move legislation forward to cloture and a vote. It is an option for the minority party to prevent the passage of legislation. This process was made famous in the Jimmy Stewart movie Mr. Smith Goes to Washington. The longest individual speech in a filibuster was by Sen Strom Thurmond against the 1957 Civil Rights Act 24 hours and 18 minutes – at this time he was a Democrat. This was also useful for Southern Democrat Senators to block civil rights legislation including anti-lynching legislation. Obviously, the black community has either forgotten or ignored this history in present day support of the D Party. Another piece of truth that Winston has put down the “memory hole.”

Heritage has reported that Democrats now plan to use a special legislative process called **reconciliation** to ram through a radical liberal agenda with a simple majority. But doing so would require violating long-standing Senate rules and is simply ending the filibuster by another name. Legislation, eligible for reconciliation, is not subject to the Senate’s filibuster, does not require the support of 60 Senators, and can be passed by a simple majority. The 51-vote threshold of reconciliation

makes it incredibly powerful. Given the current 50-50 split in the Senate, Democrats could pass reconciliation legislation without any Republican votes if all 50 Democrats, plus Vice President Harris, who would cast the tie-breaking vote, support the legislation. In place however is the Byrd Rule which limits how the reconciliation process can be used. Essentially it stipulates that reconciliation can only be used for legislation which involves changing spending, taxes or the debt limit. The D's however what to change the rule and allow legislation not related to spending to use reconciliation. If successful there is no limit to the sweeping liberal agenda that could be passed by a simple majority.

<https://heritageaction.com/blog/reconciliation-and-the-byrd-rule> The current make-up of the Senate is 48 Ds 2 Is (both of which caucus with the Ds) + Harris for a total of 51 and 50 Rs.

7.3 More action targeting PLCAA—Kamela Harris has stated that one of the targets of this administration will be to do away with the Federal protections afforded to firearms businesses against nuisance third party lawsuits. Biden has said his goal is to repeal the PLCAA. Just as Ford is not liable if a drunk driver causes an accident while driving a Ford vehicle an FFL or firearm manufacturer is not liable if a criminal commits a crime using that manufacturer's firearm. In the December meeting we discussed how this is being challenged by anti-gun extremists. Locally a wrongful death and product liability law suit against the Mt Pleasant FFL, Saloom Department Store and Springfield Amory has been allowed to proceed by the Pa Superior Court after it was thrown out by Commonwealth Court Judge Harry Smail Jr. because it violated the PLCAA. The Pa Superior court in a strongly worded opinion ruled that the PLCAA was unconstitutional in its entirety, was an illegal over extension of the Federal government's regulation of interstate commerce and that the lawsuit could proceed. The suit is brought by parents of a Mt Pleasant teenager who was fatally shot due to seriously negligent and irresponsible firearm handling by another teen. The wrongful death and product liability lawsuit was filed in Westmoreland County. The lawsuit alleges that the firearm did not have a magazine disconnect, a loaded chamber indicator, an internal lock or warnings which they state could have prevented the tragic incident. Now another lawsuit has appeared. "The son of a couple murdered during the massacre at the Tree of Life building on Oct. 27, 2018, has filed a lawsuit in the Allegheny Court of Common Pleas against Colt Manufacturing alleging that the gun lobby, through anti-Semitic propaganda, incited the shooter to carry out "one of the bloodiest acts of domestic terrorism in United States history" with an **AR-15**, a "**machine gun** not suitable for civilians." The NRA was also named as a defendant for inciting anti-Semitism, hate and violence on the part of the perpetrator.

<https://jewishchronicle.timesofisrael.com/estate-of-couple-murdered-during-pittsburgh-synagogue-shooting-sues-colt/> Counsel for the plaintiff believes that with the recent decision by the Pa Superior Court as well the new administration this lawsuit has a chance to succeed and become a "gamechanger." The potential outcome of this case threatens the entire firearms sales and manufacturing industry. Also see <https://foac-pac.org/Man-Who-Lost-Parents-In-Synagogue-Shooting-Sues-Nra/Legal-News-Item/1264>

7.4 States Efforts to Prepare for more Federal Assaults on the Constitution – A Tenth Amendment Center Path to Liberty episode gives updates on state legislative actions designed to undermine, resist, reject and nullify federal gun control. The video can be viewed at this link: <https://blog.tenthamentendmentcenter.com/2021/01/status-report-nullify-federal-gun-control/> Also available here are details of the bills that numerous states are working on including: Missouri, South Carolina, Nebraska, Texas, Alabama, Mississippi, Arizona, Oklahoma and Arkansas. Clicking on the link brings up details about the bills.

7.5 Big Tech Censorship Continues to Silence Voices - FOACs Email Problems Continue – This problem has gone on for many months. In the 2020 Election FOAC experiences over 300,000 electronic communications being blocked and/or arbitrarily deleted affecting the outcome of dozens of races. Communications – actually requested by members – for example the FOAC Newsletter gets blocked, delayed and deleted without any information ever being given to the member. Kim has had extensive interaction with these tech companies all with no resolution. FOAC was forced then to enlist

an attorney – at our expense - to get the attention of the biggest violator of political speech, Verizon Media, which controls ‘all’ Verizon, Yahoo and AOL e-mail addresses. Their response contains indifference and arrogance. Kim has stepped up his efforts by bringing this to the attention of Federal legislators.

7.5.1 Dr. John Lott, one of the foremost experts on violence in our society, reported that Microsoft has shut down his email completely. Similar to the responses FOAC received Microsoft would not explain why.

7.6 NRA Move to Texas – The NRA has filed for Chapter 11. This essentially is a process businesses use to restructure. It is leaving New York and reincorporating in Texas. This is a move that is decades overdue. While this move will be help, the internal problems still need addressed.

<https://foac-pac.org/National-Rifle-Association-Leaves-New-York-for-Texas-by-Filing-for-Bankruptcy/News-Item/11895>

7.7 Bank of America Selling Out Gunowners -Tucker Carlson, of Fox News, uncovered evidence that Bank of America is turning over the private transaction records of its customers to federal investigators it believes need to be probed for “extremism” or even domestic terrorism. The Bank of America identified 211 people and turned that information over to investigators without notifying those customers that their private financial transaction data was being shared without their consent. Customers they turned over to Federal authorities included: Customers confirmed as transacting, either through bank account debit card or credit card purchases in Washington, D.C. between 1/5 and 1/6. Purchases made for Hotel/Airbnb RSVPs in DC, VA, and MD after 1/6. Any purchase of weapons or at a weapons-related merchant between 1/7 and their upcoming suspected stay in D.C. area around Inauguration Day. Airline related purchases since 1/6. <https://foac-pac.org/Bank-Of-America-Sells-Out-Gun-Owners%E2%80%A6again%E2%80%A6still/News-Item/11972>

8. Training Tips. Safety and Self Defense in a New Society– In this month’s training tip Dr. Ed Bogats will address “The Dangers of Open Carry.”

9. Media and Events

9.1 Kim Stolfer was interviewed on the KDKA Mangino Radio Show on 1/17/21 and discussed: The USA Story about rioters losing their firearm rights, the record number of background checks, and the NRA move to Texas.

9.2 Kim was also interviewed on PCNC Pittsburgh Now on 1/22/21

9.3 Chip Gallo did a FOAC presentation on 1/26/21 at a US Law Shield Use of Lethal Force Seminar held at Vinoski Winery in Belle Vernon.

10. Legislation:

10.1 PA State House 13 bills, 10 antigun and 2 pro-gun. There are at this time 29 antigun memos for proposed bills and 12 progun memos. **HB38** while not directly a firearm related bill would provide for a more equal distribution of judicial temperament throughout Pennsylvania instead of how most members of the courts come from only two counties. Anti-gun bills **HB237** Restricting or regulating a law-abiding citizen's use or lawful choices on how to store or care for their firearms is not within the government's purview. This is non-negotiable. **HB271** Altering the definition of a firearm to provide government oversight for 3-d Printed receivers and frames. More control. **HB361** **An attempt to remove the preemption statute** allowing for government overreach endangering our rights and ability to defend ourselves. **HB364** Mandating destruction of firearms already in custody of law enforcement reduces the likelihood of their lawful return to their rightful owners. who are already most often victims of a crime. Current Pa House legislation can be accessed at this link <https://foac-pac.org/Proposed-Pennsylvania-House-Legislation>

10.1.1 FOAC has been actively working to secure **cosponsors for Rep Bernstine's** proposed bill **Constitutional Carry of a Firearm** as well as other important bills as they are being proposed.

<https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/Legis/CSM/showMemoPublic.cfm?Chamber=H&SPick=20210&cosponId=34060> A letter was sent to all FOAC endorsed PA Representatives asking them to sign onto this bill as a co-sponsor. **Current Co-Sponsors - 59**

10.1.2 HB280 -PICS to NICS - The PICS system is a failed \$250 million-dollar experiment that deprives citizens of their rights. FOAC sent letters to Pa Reps asking for support and co-sponsorship for this bill.

10.2 Pa Senate - 4 bills – 2 anti-gun and 1 pro-gun Currently there are 15 antigun memos for proposed bills and 3 pro-gun memos– **SB47** Making safety devices for our firearms tax free purchases. Anti-gun bills include **SB88** Trying to eliminate the accepted definition of a firearm so that further regulations are imposed on certain weapons for the purpose of "records of sale" (aka REGISTRATION) and control. **SB134** A Red Flag Bill - Another effort to circumvent due process and violate everyone's rights based on unsupported allegations and no findings of fact. Current Pa Senate legislation can be accessed at this link <https://foac-pac.org/Proposed-Pennsylvania-Senate-Legislation>

10.2.1 Following Wolf's veto of any attempt to limit is up to now dictatorial powers, Senator Kim Ward proposed **an amendment to the Pa Constitution** which would enable the Pa Legislature to place a check on the Governor's emergency powers. Wolf and his sidekick Levine have ruined countless lives over the last nine months by mandates and restrictions which have no basis in genuine science. A proposed amendment first needs to be passed by a simple majority in the Senate and House in two consecutive legislative sessions before it is placed on the ballot as a referendum. "This will give the people the ability to exercise their right to alter how long-term emergency orders are opposed on them.....this amendment will ensure Pennsylvanians are governed – not ruled – even in times of emergency. Proposing this amendment was a wise tactical move by Senator Ward as it skirts both Wolf's veto and the Wolfe-supportive Pa Supreme Court.

10.3 US Senate – 3 Anti-gun and 0 pro-gun See updates at <https://foac-pac.org/Proposed-Federal-Senate-Legislation> - anti-gun bills include government specified storage, wasting taxpayers money on calling for research on topics that already contain volumes of research, Red Flag law which violates due process.

10.4 US House – 17 bills – 7 anti-gun and 3 pro-gun. Pro-gun bills include **HB 38** which is Concealed Carry Reciprocity and **HB 95** The Hearing Protection Act which removes suppressors from NFA regulation. Anti-gun bills include **HB 167** Ridiculous government interference in the sale of private possessions under the false narrative that these are problematic transactions pushing the false narrative that background checks matter. **HB 405** prohibits use of lead on US Fish and Wildlife Lands This should remain the choice of the hunter. It is not the government's place to regulate. Non-toxic shot has already been required for waterfowl since 1991. Education over legislation. **HB 545** further restricts peoples' right to protect themselves by preventing Members of Congress and their employees from carrying firearms in the Capitol building, and for other purposes. <https://foac-pac.org/Proposed-Federal-House-Legislation>

10.4.1 HB127 Essentially nullifies the Second Amendment. This bill requires the licensing of firearms and ammunition as well as registration of all firearms. It eviscerates the Second Amendment and sets the ground work for confiscation This administration, now in charge at the Federal level clearly believes only the government should possess firearms..<https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/127/text>“The Attorney General, through the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, shall establish a system for **licensing the possession of firearms or ammunition** in the United States, and for the registration with the Bureau of each firearm present in the United States.” The Attorney General shall establish a registration data base and “The Attorney General shall make the contents of the database accessible to

all members of the public, all Federal, State, and local law enforcement authorities, all branches of the United States Armed Forces, and all State and local governments, as defined by the Bureau.

“Licensing requirements include: reaching **the age of 21**, undergoing a **criminal background check** and a **psychological evaluation** which includes interviewing not only the licensee but other members of the household as well as any spouse, former spouse, at least 2 other members of the person’s current family as well as associates., complete a **government certified training** course of at least 24 hours in length (also necessary for renewal), purchase from the government an **insurance** policy for a fee of \$800. It shall also be unlawful for an individual to loan a firearm to another without informing the government. It shall be unlawful to possess a magazine capable of holding more than 10 rounds.

Penalties for violation include jail times of 5 to 40 years and fines from \$10,000 to \$150,000 depending on the section violated.

[https://thenewamerican.com/new-bill-in-congress-essentially-nullifies-the-second-amendment/?ct=t\(EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_12_2_2019_15_37_COPY_01\)&mc_cid=a13b0517a3&mc_eid=d9f72db28](https://thenewamerican.com/new-bill-in-congress-essentially-nullifies-the-second-amendment/?ct=t(EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_12_2_2019_15_37_COPY_01)&mc_cid=a13b0517a3&mc_eid=d9f72db28)

10.4.2 HR1 – Covered under Election section

<https://www.congress.gov/117/bills/hr1/BILLS-117hr1ih.pdf> While not specifically a firearm related bill, it has egregious destructive consequences for any future elections.

11. Events: The event situation continues to be fluid. Please check the FOAC website for updates

<https://foac-pac.org/Events>

12. Good of the Order:

13. Adjournment