



FOAC - Monthly Meeting Agenda

March 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. Due to various factors the FOAC Board has decided to forgo an in-person Spring Gun Bash. We will instead have another virtual raffle. Tickets will be available within the next few weeks. We will look to the Fall to consider an in-person Gun Bash.

6. Election Issues –

6.1 May 18th Primary – FOAC is preparing for the May primary. This election will include County Level positions, such as commissioners, sheriffs, DA's as well as local municipal officials and school boards. While FOAC's recommendation/endorsement process does not involve the latter level, these are very critical elections about which to be an informed voter. There are also several State-wide Judicial races to select nominees for vacancies on the Pa Supreme Court (D's currently have a 5-2 majority), Pa Superior Court (R's hold 8-7 majority) and Pa Commonwealth Court (R's hold a 7-2 majority). There are 2 special Legislative elections and 3 ballot measures.

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 Special Elections – Two - Same day as primary

6.2.1 Pa House District 59 – this seat is vacant due to the passing of Representative Reese. The district is in southwestern Pa and includes parts of Somerset and Westmoreland Counties. This seat has historically been held by a Republican since 1969 (except for 1975-76 when the R Representative switched to the D party – another Republican was then elected for the seat) Leslie Rossi was chosen as the R Candidate. Leslie has a long history and reputation as a strong fighter for Freedom and traditional Conservative/Republican values. She has had the Trump House, in Youngstown Pa since 2015. Leslie has supported numerous community organizations. She is a FOAC Founding Father Member.

<https://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2021/02/21/leslie-rossi-trump-house-nomination-pa-legislature/>

6.2.2 Pa Senate District 48 –this seat is vacant due to the passing of Senator Arnold. It historically has been held by a Republican. Republicans have a 30,000-voter registration edge over Democrats in this district. It has been held by an R since 1983. The district includes parts of Dauphin, Lebanon, and York counties.

6.3 Ballot Questions – There will be 3 ballot questions. One has to do with an equal rights amendment. The other two involve limiting the governor’s unilateral power to declare unlimited emergency declarations. If you are tired of living under Wolf’s tyranny, you have a chance to fix it. Currently no checks and balances exist as we have seen dictatorial control by the Pa Governor which has had no scientific basis and which has ruined countless lives of Pa residents.

[https://ballotpedia.org/Pennsylvania_Emergency_Declarations_Amendment_\(May_2021\)](https://ballotpedia.org/Pennsylvania_Emergency_Declarations_Amendment_(May_2021)) and [https://ballotpedia.org/Pennsylvania_Legislative_Resolution_to_Extend_or_Terminate_Emergency_Declaration_Amendment_\(May_2021\)](https://ballotpedia.org/Pennsylvania_Legislative_Resolution_to_Extend_or_Terminate_Emergency_Declaration_Amendment_(May_2021)) The Department of State, supportive of Wolf, has intentionally worded the two questions limiting governor’s power in such a way as to confuse voters, elicit a no response and make the ballot efforts fail. Voters’ need to be educated to vote yes on these two ballot measures. In a news conference Senate President Pro Tempore Jake Corman, Senate Majority Leader Kim Ward, and House Majority Leader Kerry Benninghoff addressed the Wolf Administration’s use of politically charged and prejudicial language in the ballot questions. <https://pasen.wistia.com/medias/961sidh8e2>

6.4 House Passes HR1 on March 5th 220 to 210 – This bill was discussed last meeting. It is essentially an attempt to Federalize election staking power from the states and locking in all the factors responsible for the problems in the Presidential Election. Every election from this point forward would look like 11/3/2020. While there currently are serious questions regarding the status of our election/voting system this bill if passed would completely end any possibility of a free and fair election. <https://thenewamerican.com/house-passes-h-r-1-bringing-democrats-one-step-closer-to-total-election-control/> The bill goes next to the Senate which is a 50-50 split between D and R with Harris being the tie-breaker. Will the Republicans block the bill by a filibuster which would require 60 votes by the Ds to overcome? As discussed last meeting the Ds want to essentially do away with the filibuster by removing the restrictions for the Byrd Rule which would essentially allow legislation to be passed with a simple majority.

If passed, States will need to unite and stand strong against this unconstitutional usurpation of power and defend their own authority. The Tenth Amendment states “The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.” Jefferson and Madison formalized the nullification process. Jefferson called it the “rightful remedy to federal overreach.” Madison said that a state is “duty bound” to interpose “to arrest the progress of the evil.” Madison gave us a blueprint on how to do this in *Federalist* #46. He suggested four steps to take on counteract and stop federal programs – the most significant being a “refusal to cooperate with officers of the Union.” “The federal government involves itself in almost every aspect of life, but depends on state assistance to do almost everything. If states refuse to help, it becomes nearly impossible for the feds to enforce their laws or implement their programs.” <https://tenthamendmentcenter.com/nullification-overview/> Sheriff Mack and Printz in 1997 won a Supreme Court decision which affirmed that the Federal government cannot co-opt local officials to implement their programs. We are also seeing this action as states are uniting, and taking a stand through Second Amendment Preservation Acts. Pa has Rep Metcalfe’s bill HB357.

Twenty State Attorney Generals threaten legal action if HR1 passes. [https://thenewamerican.com/20-state-ags-threaten-legal-action-if-h-r-1-passes/?ct=t\(EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_12_2_2019_15_37_COPY_01\)&mc_cid=524638f7fd&mc_eid=d9f72db284](https://thenewamerican.com/20-state-ags-threaten-legal-action-if-h-r-1-passes/?ct=t(EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_12_2_2019_15_37_COPY_01)&mc_cid=524638f7fd&mc_eid=d9f72db284)

7. Current Issues & Activist Efforts:

7.1 Cease Fire meets FOAC – FOAC member John DeLallo attended a Cease Fire Town Hall and will relate his experience.

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7.2 Status Update to FOAC Censorship by Big Tech – FOAC President Kim Stolfer continues to pursue both increasing the awareness of this problem as well as a resolution. Kim has been having a dialogue with Senator Toomey’s staff. The oversight of these egregious civil rights violations is well within the purview of the Federal Government and is long overdue in providing legitimate protections for citizens and organizations. An interesting article emphasizing the same problem FOAC has been experiencing was in this month’s Hillsdale College publication Imprimis.

<https://imprimis.hillsdale.edu/control-need-rein-big-tech/>

7.3 Washington County Passes A Second Amendment Sanctuary Resolution -<https://foac-pac.org/Washington-County-Joins-List-Of-second-Amendment-Sanctuaries-In-Pa/News-Item/12072>

“The board passed the resolution with commission Chairwoman Diana Irey Vaughan voting with an “enthusiastic yes” and Commissioner Nick Sherman offering “resounding” support.”https://observer-reporter.com/news/localnews/washington-county-commissioners-pass-2nd-amendment-sanctuary-resolution/article_47e032ac-7d34-11eb-b2fe-73bf65c5404f.html Washington County joins a list of 10 other Pa Counties that have taken steps to stand for the RTKBA in light of Federal threats of unconstitutional legislation.<https://sanctuarycounties.com/category/states/pennsylvania/>The media confuses resolutions with ordinances. While counties passing resolutions affirm their support of our RTKBA, those passing ordinances (county law) violate state preemption.

7.4 Legislative Budget and Finance Committee Report on PICS – The report is an effort to present statistics in such a way to justify an increase of fees from \$5 to \$16. An attempt to extract more money from taxpayers to bear the burden of a failed experimental system. See the PICS to NICS bill in the legislative section. PSP was scheduled for an audit; however, the Pa Auditor General terminated the audit due to “legal complications.” Hmmmmmm?

7.5 Bringing an End to Violent Crime in Pennsylvania Memo – FOAC President Kim Stolfer has engaged Rep Amen Brown (D) in a constructive and fruitful dialogue concerning the fact that lack of effective prosecution is one of the main causes of continuing violent crime statistics especially in highly populated cities. A small percentage of criminals are responsible for committing the largest percentage of crime because they remain on the street to continue to commit crime even after multiple arrests and offenses. The illegal possession of firearms during the commission of crime is the first to be plea bargained away and is almost never appropriately prosecuted. Rep Brown represents the 190 House District in Philadelphia County. In his home area of Philadelphia there has been a 40% increase in murder and a 146% in aggravated assault over the last year. He states in his memo “The overwhelming majority of these violent crimes are committed with illegal firearms. Prior convicted felons are illegally obtaining firearms to commit violence on our streets, feeling that if they are caught and prosecuted, their consequences are minimal. The terrorizing of our neighborhoods must stop and those committing these crimes must be held accountable.” Rep Brown originally reached out to Kim Stolfer to get his input on a gun control bill involving “ghost guns.” Kim was able to help Rep Brown see that the issues was not the guns but the plea bargaining and lack of effective prosecution that continued to eject active criminals back on the street. As a result, Rep Brown changed his gun control bill to a crime/criminal control bill. “For that reason, I am proposing that any previously convicted felon who is found to be in possession of an illegal firearm will be subject to progressively stronger sentences and a minimum term of incarceration. It must be known that they will be held accountable for their actions and will not have a fast release. In addition, these offenders must presumptively not be eligible for bail unless they can clearly demonstrate that their release before trial will not threaten the safety of the public”. <https://www.pennlive.com/news/2021/03/crackdown-on-ex-felons-found-with-illegal-guns-aims-to-make-communities-safer.html>

8. Training Tips. Safety and Self Defense in a New Society– In this month’s training tip FOAC Life Member and JPFO Ambassador Richard Busch (<http://jpfo.org/articles-2020/jpfo-ambassadors.htm>) will present “Don’t Leave Home Without It meets Show & Tell.”

9. Media and Events

10. Legislation:

10.1Pa State House – 23 Firearm related bills, 18 anti-gun and 3 pro-gun. 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 with legislators to introduce and secure cosponsors for the following bills.:

- HB659 Constitutional Carry of a Firearm Rep Bernstine

<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. In addition, FOAC volunteers have been personally contacting legislators to answer questions and elicit support. 18 States now have Constitutional Carry with 2 more projected to add this year. Interesting article showing the Constitutional Carry States occupy 46.8% percent of the land in the US. Shall issue states occupy 46.2%. The may issue states occupy 7% of the US land. <https://foac-pac.org/Almost-Half-The-United-States-Has-Constitutional-Carry/News-Item/12073>

-HB280 -PICS to NICSRep Ortity- The PICS system is a failed \$250 million-dollar experiment that deprives citizens of their rights.FOACsent letters to Pa Reps asking for support and co-sponsorship for this bill.<https://foac-pac.org/Proposed-Pennsylvania-House-Legislation-HB280/State-Law/4172>

- Strengthening Pre-Emption Rep Dowling – This bill does not yet have a number but is identical to HB1066 introduced last legislative session by Rep Keller <https://foac-pac.org/Proposed-Pennsylvania-House-Legislation-HB1066/State-Law/3485> FOAC sent letters to Pa Reps asking for support and co-sponsorship

- Disparity of Force Rep Davanzo –This bill strengthens the Pa Castle Doctrine protection.<https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/Legis/CSM/showMemoPublic.cfm?chamber=H&SPick=20210&cosponId=34654> FOAC sent letters to Pa Reps asking for support and co-sponsorship. The bill does not yet have a number.

- Rep Amen Brown proposed legislation – focuses on prosecuting violent repeat criminals - <https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/Legis/CSM/showMemoPublic.cfm?chamber=H&SPick=20210&cosponId=34883>

10.1.2 Rep Metcalf Bring House Bill 357 to the National Nullification Fight –“With a growing number of states taking action to nullify unconstitutional executive orders from the Biden administration, Representative Daryl Metcalfe (R-Butler) has once again introduced his Right to Bear Arms Protection Act (House Bill 357) that seeks to make any additional federal gun control laws unenforceable within the Commonwealth.”. Similar to legislation previously introduced in Wyoming and Texas, Metcalfe’s Right to Bear Arms Protection Act would prohibit enforcement of any new federal registration, restriction or prohibition requirement for privately owned firearms, magazines and ammunition and require the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, including the Office of Attorney General, to intercede on behalf of Commonwealth citizens against any federal attempt to register, restrict or ban the purchase or ownership of firearms and firearms accessories which are currently legal products. Final enactment of House Bill 357 would mean that anyone — even federal agents — who try to enforce any type of new gun control restriction within state borders would face arrest and be charged with a felony offense.” <http://www.repmetcalfe.com/News/19182/Latest-News/Metcalf>

[Brings-House-Bill-357-to-National-Nullification-Fight - https://foac-pac.org/Proposed-Pennsylvania-House-Legislation-HB357/State-Law/2338](https://foac-pac.org/Proposed-Pennsylvania-House-Legislation-HB357/State-Law/2338)

10.2 Pa Senate– 11 Firearm Related bills, 7 anti-gun, 1 pro-gun. Current Pa Senate legislation can be accessed at this link <https://foac-pac.org/Proposed-Pennsylvania-Senate-Legislation>

10.3 US Senate–7 Firearm related bills, 4 anti-gun, 1 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 – 33 firearm bills, 15 anti-gun, 7 pro-gun –Pro-gun bills include **HB38** which is Concealed Carry Reciprocity <https://foac-pac.org/Proposed-Federal-House-Legislation-HB38/Federal-Law/8714> and HB95The Hearing Protection Act <https://foac-pac.org/Proposed-Federal-House-Legislation-HB95/Federal-Law/8713> See US House updates at <https://foac-pac.org/Proposed-Federal-House-Legislation>

10.4.1 Two House bills coming to vote soon:

-HR8 – this bill called the **Bipartisan** Background Checks Act of 2021 has 132 sponsors 129 Ds and 3 Rs. <https://foac-pac.org/Proposed-Federal-House-Legislation-HB8/Federal-Law/8885>- this bill would criminalize the private transfer of firearms. This could conceivably apply to even allowing a friend to try out your firearm on the range. It also lays the groundwork for a universal government registration system which historically has preceded confiscation. This bill specifically targets law abiding citizens – as all gun control laws do. Universal would mean only firearms possessed by law abiding individuals. Criminals do not go through background checks to obtain firearms.

-HR1446 - Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2021 - <https://foac-pac.org/Proposed-Federal-House-Legislation-HB1446/Federal-Law/8884> This bill, is related to so-called default proceed transactions and would permit the federal government to indefinitely delay a firearm transfer with no proof that the prospective buyer was a prohibited person. Antigun extremists have a “creative imagination” to make up fictitious terms which do not exist – otherwise known as lies. Proponents of this bill trumpet that it will close the Charleston Loophole. Similar to the nonexistent “gun show loophole” the Charleston Loophole does not exist. <https://www.nrila.org/get-the-facts/what-is-the-charleston-loophole/>

10.4.2HB127 Essentially nullifies the Second Amendment. The “Apocalypse” bill. 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/>

While this bill only has one sponsor and consequently would not be a probable for a vote in the very near future it can be viewed as a “wish list”, i.e., what they dream of doing, and is a blatant demonstration of the contempt the antigun extremists have for law abiding citizens’ Freedom to possess the effective protection tools and ability to protect themselves and their loved ones.

11. Events: The event situation continues to be fluid. Please check the FOAC website for updates <https://foac-pac.org/Events>

11.1 Washington County Gun Shows – April 10-11, June 19-20, September 25-26. 9am to 4pm. Washington County Fairgrounds 2151 North Main Street Washington Pa 15301. FOAC needs volunteers to work our table. Kevin Jackson has been coordinating the FOAC gun show tables. Should you want to lent a hand **send him an email** rubyred933@hotmail.com or **call him:** 412-302-3544.

11.2 Harrisburg Rally – Stop the Steal of Your God-Given Rights and Liberties – To Protect Your RKBA – **State Capitol Steps, Monday, June 7th 2021, 10am.**
<http://www.repmetcalf.com/UniteAgainstTyranny>

12. Good of the Order:

13. Adjournment