

*A well regulated Militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed. --Amendment II, US Constitution*



*The right of no person to keep and bear arms in defense of his home, person and property, or in aid of the civil power when thereto legally summoned, shall be called to question; . . . --Article II, § 13, Colorado Constitution*

### *The Voice for Firearm Rights in the Pikes Peak Region*

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## **The GOP Platform: The Second Amendment**

Following is the Republican Platform on the Second Amendment:

- We uphold the right of individuals to keep and bear arms, a right which antedated the Constitution and was solemnly confirmed by the Second Amendment.
- We acknowledge, support, and defend the law-abiding citizen's God-given right of self-defense.
- We call for the protection of such fundamental individual rights recognized in the Supreme Court's decisions in District of Columbia v. Heller and McDonald v. Chicago affirming that right, and we recognize the individual responsibility to safely use and store firearms. This also includes the right to obtain and store ammunition without registration.
- We support the fundamental right to self-defense wherever a law-abiding citizen has a legal right to be, and we support federal legislation that would expand the exercise of that right by allowing those with state-issued carry permits to carry firearms in any state that issues such permits to its own residents.
- Gun ownership is responsible citizenship, enabling Americans to defend their homes and communities. We condemn frivolous lawsuits against gun manufacturers and oppose federal licensing or registration of law-abiding gun owners.
- We oppose legislation that is intended to restrict our Second Amendment rights by limiting the capacity of clips or magazines or otherwise restoring the ill-considered Clinton gun ban.
- We condemn the reckless actions associated with the operation known as "Fast and Furious," conducted by the Department of Justice, which resulted in the murder of a U.S. Border Patrol Agent and others on both sides of the border. We applaud the Members of the U.S. House of Representatives in holding the current Administration's Attorney General in contempt of Congress for his refusal to cooperate with their investigation into that debacle.
- We oppose the improper collection of firearms sales information in the four southern border states, which was imposed without congressional authority.

The inclusion of specific issues, such as the right to self-defense, opposition to the semi-auto ban, and support for interstate Right-to-Carry reciprocity makes this the most pro-Second Amendment position ever included in a major party platform. The PPFC commends the GOP for taking a strong and unambiguous stance in support of our fundamental, individual right to keep and bear arms.

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **September 13, 2012, 5:30PM: PPFC board of Directors Meeting, VFW Post 4051**
- **September 13, 2012, 7:00PM: PPFC Membership Meeting**
- **September 8-9, 2012: Gun Show, Rustic Hills Event Center, Palmer Park & Academy**

### **PPFC Officers**

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**Next PPFC Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 13, 2012**  
**VFW Post 4051**  
**430 E Pikes Peak Ave**  
**Colorado Springs CO**  
**7:00 - 9:00 P.M.**

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## **On to November!**

Okay, the primaries and conventions are over. Mitt Romney is the Republican presidential candidate and Paul Ryan is his Vice President running mate. Our choice is clear: 4 more years of failed policy and ever increasing debt or a proven businessman with a plan to get us back on track? Colorado is a swing state and El Paso County needs to carry the rest of the state. We also have some local races in the Colorado House that need our help. Jennifer George has a good chance to unseat liberal Democrat Pete Lee in House District 18. PPFC member and pro-gun supporter Representative Mark Barker has a Democrat opponent and we need to help ensure that Mark gets reelected in District 17! See the PPFC website for contact information and who you can help with time and/or money. This is a very important year for gun owners, especially after the recent mass shootings.

## **Want to own a Class III firearm and perhaps save on taxes?**

Our September 13th membership meeting will feature a presentation on establishing a family trust and using it to purchase a Class III firearm. Attorney Dan Usiak will give us information on establishing a family trust. This is not only helpful if you may be interested in purchasing a Class III firearm, but for general estate planning. Rick and Kathy Wildman, owners of Wildfire Arms, will also present information on how to purchase a Class III firearms and the costs involved. This is an excellent presentation and it is FREE advice!

## **PPFC August Raffle**

Due to some of the sold raffle tickets getting lost, we were forced to cancel the August PPFC raffle. If you bought a raffle ticket, you can get a refund from the person who sold it to you or from Richard Gandolf, our Raffle Master. We will reschedule the raffle.

## **Membership News**

- (1) If you renewed for 2012, your PPFC membership cards are available at the check in table at the PPFC meetings. If you would like your card mailed to you, please send a sale-addressed stamped envelope to our Membership Director at the above address.
- (2) Check the expiration date of your membership above your name on this newsletter. If your membership expired on December 31, 2011, it is time to renew. To save the cost of printing and mailing renewal notices, please consider renewing on-line through PayPal. There is a link on the PPFC home page for on-line renewal. You can also print out a renewal form and mail it in if you prefer. You can also just mail a check to the above address. Dues are only \$20 for an individual membership or \$30 for a family membership.

## **Stay Informed**

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