

Thursday Bulletin – July 11, 2024

Executive Director's Message

Richard Pearson

Sex Offender Suspect in Mass Shooting

A 21-year-old man arrested and charged with killing four people at a birthday party in Florence, Kentucky over the weekend, wasn't legally allowed to possess the gun he allegedly used in the attack, and there are real questions about whether he should have even been out on the street, instead of behind bars.

Three years earlier he had been arrested on charges of rape and sodomy, after he allegedly raped a 13-year-old girl he had met on Snapchat. Since he admitted the crime, he was the recipient of *multiple* acts of judicial largesse and set loose. This enabled him to commit mass murder, killing 4 people and wounding 3 others at a birthday party when he should have been stuck behind bars for his earlier crimes.

Purchase Your Next Box of Ammo in a Vending Machine?

Boxed ammunition has been around for a long, long time, and so have vending machines. Somebody with American Rounds got the brilliant idea of putting these together! This company installed their automated ammunition vending machines in six grocery stores: 4 in Oklahoma and 2 in Alabama. They are an innovative company looking to revolutionize how ammunition for handguns, rifles and shotguns can be readily sold by automation. The companies CEO said it was the store owners who approached him and wanted the means to have ammo sales at their property. This brings them more business and is convenient for their customers.

This is how it works: Select the ammunition you want – scan your ID – facial recognition AI technology verifies you – pay your money and take your ammo. Legally anyone selling ammunition is required to make sure that the purchaser is of legal age and has a valid ID. The vending machine can do that – maybe even more securely than an employee.

The company claims sales have been steady and strong at all the locations. *Folks, this could be a new trend.*

Litigation Update

The ISRA and the other Harrel vs Raoul plaintiffs are readying for trial to be held September 16th in the Southern District of Illinois before Judge McGlynn. If you would like to donate to us, please visit:

[<https://isra.org/support-us/>](https://isra.org/support-us/). *Thank you for your support!*

Buy Your Anniversary Coin Raffle Tickets Today and Get Your Commemorative Coin!

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121 Great prizes - includes 16 Firearms!



**All Raffle Ticket Orders
Receive One
Commemorative
Coin!**

**Entry
must be postmarked by
Aug. 9, 2024
Drawing held on Aug. 16, 2024**
at the ISRA headquarters, Chatsworth, IL.
Need not be present to win. Dues and donations to the Illinois State Rifle Association are NOT tax deductible. Winners of firearms must comply with all federal, state, and local laws.

Click here to email for more information: member@isra.org
Or call (815) 635-3198 and we can take your order by phone.
Your tickets will be mailed to you when we receive your order and payment.

You may also [click here](#) to download order form with ticket costs and mail today!

ISRA, PO Box 637, Chatsworth IL 60921

Project Appleseed Presents its Pistol Class

Why Every Gun Owner Should Attend a Project Appleseed Event:

Project Appleseed is the primary focus of the Revolutionary War Veteran's Association (RWVA). It was formed solely to revitalize America's heritage of rifle marksmanship and to promote America's Revolutionary War history. Whether you're a new shooter or a seasoned marksman, Project Appleseed can help transform you from a person with a rifle into a principled and skilled Rifleman or Riflewoman.

This is a Pistol Clinic. The clinic teaches the fundamentals of pistol/handgun safety, accuracy, and many other topics. You must be at least 18 years of age to attend a pistol event in the State of Illinois. Both 22LR and centerfire pistol cartridges are allowed at this event.

Open to the public. Class held at the ISRA Range on Aug 17-18, 2024. The fee is \$10 per day, per person (Range fee). [For more details and to register online, click here,](#) or email: [Chuck Apger,](mailto:Chuck.Apger@appleseedinfo.org) <chuck.apger@appleseedinfo.org>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



for the

Illinois State Rifle Association and ATA Youth Shooting Camp

Fri. July 26 and Sat. July 27

at the

**World Shooting and Recreational Complex
Sparta, IL**

We're looking for members to help with our Youth Shooting Camp for these 2 dates. If you've never volunteered at this event, we expect you'll have a rewarding experience. If you've volunteered before, we really appreciate your help, and look forward to seeing you again!

Send us a quick email to the office at: <[Member Services@isra.org](mailto:MemberServices@isra.org)> to let us know that you would like to volunteer for this event.

INCLUDE YOUR NAME, PHONE NUMBER & MEMBER NUMBER.
Or call Shirley at 815.635.3198 to sign up.

The Illinois State Rifle Association is the Home of Marksmanship in Illinois.

ATTENTION ILLINOIS HUNTERS

Fall Turkey Permit Applications

Lottery 2: July 12, 2024 - August 19, 2024

Fall Deer Firearm Permit Applications

Lottery 3: July 11, 2024 - August 16, 2024

New CCL Classes

For anyone wanting to get their Concealed Carry License or needing their Concealed Carry Renewal, we are offering each class once per month through the end of the year. Please check our Range Calendar at <https://isra.org/the-range/#range-calendar> for the dates and more details. The next **CCL Renewal** classes are coming up this weekend on Sat July 13 and Sun July 14.

These classes are in big demand, so *don't put it off!*

Tidbits

Because History Matters

July 11, 1804 – V.P. Aaron Burr Kills Alexander Hamilton in Duel

Hamilton and Burr intensely disliked each other. Hamilton was born on the Caribbean Island of Nevis. He grew up fatherless and without siblings. In 1773, he immigrated to the American Colonies. He was very poor, but he was brilliant. He managed to get into the College of New Jersey which later became Princeton University. He graduated at 17 years old. Hamilton joined George Washington's Army and became an Aid de Camp to General Washington. Hamilton served brilliantly in the Revolutionary War. When George Washington became president, Hamilton was chosen as Secretary of the Treasury. He constructed a brilliant monetary policy and saved the fledgling United States from disaster.

Aaron Burr had just the opposite beginnings, being born of a wealthy family. Burr did not like Hamilton's rise to power given his background at birth. Even though they were both in the same political party, they grew to resent each other, more and more. In 1804, Burr accused Hamilton of a public insult and as was the custom of the times, challenged him to a duel at the dueling grounds near Weehawken, New Jersey.

Although it is not clear what happened on the day of the duel, it is believed that Hamilton fired his pistol first into the air as gentlemen often did at the time. Burr, however, looked at it differently, leveling his pistol at Hamilton and firing. The ball struck Hamilton in the abdomen and liver. He died the next day, after being taken back to New York.

Burr was still Vice President of the United States. He could not be prosecuted for the murder charge that was leveled against him. Even so, public opinion turned against Burr, and his political fortunes crumbled. He was not re-nominated for the position of Vice President for Jefferson's second term.

In 1806, Burr led a group of armed citizens to seize the newly acquired Louisiana Territory. Burr was charged with treason but acquitted on a technicality. Despite that, he was viewed as a traitor from then on. Hamilton was always suspicious of Burr. *It looks like his suspicions were well grounded.*

July 12, 1862 – The Medal of Honor is Created

President Abraham Lincoln signs into law the awarding of a U.S. Army Medal of Honor, "to such noncommissioned officers and privates as shall most distinguish themselves by their gallantry in action..."

July 13, 1787 – Congress Passes the Northwest Ordinance

The Ordinance of 1787 is mostly glossed over in history books and by history teachers, but the Ordinance had great significance in the development of the United States. The original idea was Thomas Jefferson's, and it can be traced to the year 1781. Remember, this was only five years after the signing of the Declaration of Independence. What was so controversial in 1781, and still was when it was presented in 1784, was that slavery was abolished in the states covered by the Ordinance.

The proposed new states in the Northwest originally were 10 territories but it also included Vermont, Tennessee and Kentucky. Southern senators and congressmen would not pass the Ordinance. Three years later it passed because it was limited to five states which included Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, and a little corner of Minnesota.

If you look at the Civil War, which came 74 years after the Ordinance of 1787, those states carried the brunt of the fighting. Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses Grant were both from Illinois. Illinois also had the most troops of any state in the Civil War, but the other states, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and

Wisconsin also supplied huge amounts of troops and support. Much of the Civil War was financed by excise taxes of the liquor industry based in Peoria, Illinois.

What many people don't recognize is that Thomas Jefferson set in motion the mechanism to ban slavery.

July 14, 1881 – Sheriff Pat Garrett Shoots and Kills Billy the Kid.

Billy the Kid's real name was Henry McCarty.

July 15, 1903 – The Newly Formed Ford Motor Company takes its first order for a two-cylinder Model A automobile. The vehicle was ordered by a Chicago dentist and cost \$850. It was delivered one week later.

In 1908, the Ford Motor Company began producing its Model T, which became known as the Tin Lizzy. Then in 1927, Ford begin producing a new version of the Model A.

July 16, 1945 – The First Atomic Bomb is Tested Successfully.

July 16, 1969 – Apollo 11 Blasts Off

The first U.S. lunar landing mission is launched on its 240,000-mile trip to the Moon. The astronauts onboard were Neil Armstrong, Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin and Michael Collins. Neil Armstrong would be the first man to set foot on the moon. We'll always remember his now famous words: *"That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."*

July 17, 1996 – TWA Flight 800 Explodes Over Long Island.

The mystery as to why it exploded has never been solved.

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