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NMGCA Membership Dues:

Annual renewal for
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over age 61, is
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Albuquerque Old West Show

August 8 and 9 EXPO NEW MEXICO

(New Mexico State Fairgrounds)
Creative Arts Building,
Central Ave. & San Pedro, Albuquerque

8 ft. Table \$75.00 (Member \$65.00)
10 X 10 booth \$230.00 (Member \$200)
Cost for electrical hook up is extra

For Table Reservations,

Contact Show Host, P.O. Box 13687, Albuquerque, NM 87192.

Ph. 505-262-1350. Email: newmexicogca@aol.com.

Set-Up (Table Holders Only) Fri 12:00 Noon - 8:00 pm,
Sat. 8:00 - 9:00 am.

Unless you notify the Show Host prior to Saturday that you need to
check in after 8:30 am Saturday, your tables may be sold to those on the
waiting list.

Open to Public: Sat 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Sun. 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Admission:

13 and up - \$6.00. Children under 12 - Free with Adult.

NMGCA Members with Card: Free.

Under 18 must be accompanied by adult, I.D. required.

NRA Members with Card - \$5.00.

SASS Members with Badge and Costume - \$5.00.

No Alcohol, No Smoking, and No Dogs.

Independence Day: A Time to Reflect

As we celebrate America's independence, let us take time to reflect on our history and remember all who have fought and died to keep us safe. Freedom is not free. The photos included in this newsletter show the price many have paid for our country's freedom and to protect our rights, including our right to bear arms.

A Visit to Arlington National Cemetery

by Don and Darlene Couchman

In 1975, we took an extended trip across the country, driving a 1972 station wagon pulling a 22-foot travel trailer. Our oldest daughter would be entering her senior year in high school that fall and we decided that it was time to take a long overdue family vacation. Of course we visited Washington, D.C., and managed to see a lot of the sights, etc., but the one area we didn't have time to visit was Arlington National Cemetery.

Over the years, we dreamed of going back to D.C., but it was only recently that we managed to accomplish that return visit. And going to

the Arlington National Cemetery was a high priority this time. On Sunday, June 28th, we were fortunate to observe the changing of the guard at the tomb of the unknowns. Although the crowd was large, there was a quiet sense of reverence. Even the small children in attendance were silent and respectful.

Later, our tour of the cemetery grounds included a quarter-mile walk through a serene wooded area where



row upon row of military grave markers provided a heart-wrenching reminder of the cost of freedom. The rows of military markers stretching into the distance, with the Washington Monument in view in the background, caused us to reflect on our nation's history and how fortunate we are to live in a free country.

And now we are back home with memories and photographs of a whirlwind few days in our nation's capitol. We went a lot of places and saw a lot of things, but the most moving experience we had was visiting Arlington National Cemetery. The rows and rows of white markers, the bugler playing taps at the tomb of the unknowns, and the solemnity and reverence of the changing of the guard will remain indelibly etched in our memories.

A Call to Arms

I'll Keep My Guns and Money. You can Keep the Change!

By Paul C. Lisle

It is very obvious that the liberal attacks on our freedoms will only increase and intensify during the next four years.

Speaker Pelosi has announced that the liberals will not push for renewal of the assault weapon ban. They fear that the gun lobby will strike back as they did in the election of 1996.

Their "compromise" is a multi-pronged attack that includes national gun and gun owner registration, such as in Rep. Bobby Rush's H.R. 45. Impose a one-gun-a-month limit on gun purchases. Expand the size of the BATFE and repeal the McClure-Volkmer limitations that restrict the harassment of gun dealers. In 1994 we had over 250,000 licensed gun dealers in the US. Today we have about 50,000 while the size of the BATFE has grown. Now they want to further increase the size so they can literally have a BATFE agent full time in every gun dealers face. When I became a licensed gun dealer in February 1964, until two years ago, I had no problem with the BATFE. During the past two years my dealers license and gun business are in seriously jeopardy from the BATFE. It appears that the BATFE wants to eliminate any dealer that does not have a storefront. This includes banning gun shows and having all private gun transfers go through a licensed dealer.

In addition to a shortage of available guns, ammunition for most guns has all but disappeared from outlets like gun stores and Wal-mart. This shortage is due to a huge demand by people who fear that the Obama administration will increase taxes on ammunition and ammunition compo-

nents and enact new restrictions on both the type and amount of ammunition and components that can be purchased. Some gun stores are now restricting ammunition sales (when they can obtain it) to people who buy a gun.

Obama was lying through his teeth when he was in Mexico and said that over 90% of the guns recovered in Mexico came from the United States. As reported by Fox News, only 17% of the guns recovered in Mexico came from the United States. Mexico only sends the serial numbers of those recovered guns manufactured in the United States to the United States for tracing. About 90% of these guns are traceable which amounts to only 17% of the total recovered guns. These guns are legal semi-automatic rifles and pistols and a few revolvers. The Mexican drug cartels can only obtain the guns they really want, fully automatic assault weapons, and grenade and rocket launchers, from sources outside the United States. The reason that 17% of the recovered weapons are from the U.S. is that, in Mexico, they bring two to three times the price that they can bring in the U.S.

Obama's totally false "over 90%" figure is being used as the basis for the administration to try to limit private gun ownership. The media (New York Times, CNN, etc.) brainwashes the public by parroting everything coming out of Washington as the gospel truth. The media is much happier blaming Mexico's lawlessness on the U.S. gun industry rather than the longstanding corruption of Mexican elected officials, judges and law-enforcement officers.

Congress, with heavy pressure from Obama, is working on totally revising the health care system. What

they want is a bill that would require virtually every American to buy government-approved health insurance, whether they wanted it or not. And, in the process, that bill would feed all of our most confidential medical data into an enormous database, which could be used to take away our guns. Any mental problem, no matter how minor, all information that we told our doctors in the utmost confidence, and much more would then be in a government file.

Based on the information in this file it doesn't take much imagination to see how an anti-gun government bureaucrat could construe that an individual was a danger to himself or to the public and good-by gun rights. Many veterans are now experiencing loss of their gun rights due to the information in their government medical files pertaining to their treatment for PTSD.

Rep. Peter King, R-NY, has sponsored H.R. 2159, The "Denying Firearms and Explosives to Dangerous Terrorists Act of 2009", which would permit the attorney general to deny transfer of a firearm to any "known or suspected terrorist". The bill requires only that the potential firearm transferee is "appropriately suspected" of preparing for a terrorist act and that the attorney general "has a reasonable belief" that the gun might be used in connection with terrorism.

It wouldn't take long for an anti-gun Attorney General to determine that because of my sometimes harsh criticism of the administration and my fight to keep our gun rights, I am "appropriately suspected" of preparing for a terrorist act and that the

New NMGCA Members

The NMGCA welcomes new members Camille L. Myers, Eric Trammel, Dale Perkins, and Gerald and Penny Evans.

We appreciate your membership and look forward to your support.

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Attorney General "has a reasonable belief" that my guns might be used in connection with "terrorism". Under this bill the government could take all of my guns and possibly put me in prison. So much for due process and our First and Second Amendments

"No man's life, liberty, or property is safe while the legislature is in session." Mark Twain (1866)

June Gun Show a Success

The 2009 June Show was well attended. Most vendors indicated they had a good show. Many thanks to the tireless efforts of the Gun Show Host and all the volunteers who helped to make the show so successful.

2009 Show Calendar

Gun Show:

October 3rd and 4th

Old West Show

August 8th and 9th

Mini Shows*

August 26, October 28

*Mini Shows are free and open to the public. They are held at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, which is on 12th St. between Menaul and Indian School. All NMGCA members are welcome to set up a table at no charge to sell gun related items.

Statue Left at March Show

A small metal statue was left at the March 2009 Gun Show. If you've lost such a statue please contact the NMGCA Show Host for more details.

**OLD WEST
SHOW VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED FOR
FRIDAY, SATURDAY,
AND SUNDAY,
August 7th,
8th and 9th.**

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