



Dear MCRC Members and Friends of MCRC,

To help combat the ludicrous legislation Democrats are proposing for the 2020 Virginia General Assembly, you will want to make plans to attend a two-day gathering of working citizen groups and experts on defense about our Constitutional Rights as United States citizens, January 18-19 at the Hilton Garden Inn at Richmond Airport.

Sponsored by United for Strength in America, the Virginia Citizens Defense League, the American Policy Institute, Virginia Constitutional Conservatives, and CLIC-VA, this is a weekend you do not want to miss!

Rights and Responsibilities of Citizens in Times of Government Overreach

Among scheduled speakers at this time are Phil VanCleave, president, Virginia Citizens Defense League; Chris Anders, director, Virginia Constitutional Conservatives; Tom DeWeese, president, American Policy Center; Tony Pellegrino, expert on Constitutional common law; Kathie Stansell, chairman, United for Strength in America; and Carol Stopps, president, CLIC-VA. There will be special workshops presented on legal defense of our freedoms, and strengthening our group for greater effectiveness and outreach.

NOTE: A follow-up email will be forthcoming with complete registration instructions and a more complete list of scheduled speakers. Hotel reservations need to be made now, however.

REGISTRATION FOR EVENT: \$85 (covers both days of meeting rooms, two lunches, and beverages)

Location: Hilton Garden Inn, Richmond Airport
441 International Drive
Sandston, VA 23150
PH 804-222-3338
Room, \$109/night (ask for United for Strength in America rate)

BUS TO LOBBY DAY (optional activity): \$25/person. Depart from hotel Monday morning, January 20, and return to hotel Monday afternoon (exact times will be included with follow-up Registration instructions).



If you plan to attend Lobby Day, Monday, January 20, please read the following:

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM PHIL VAN CLEAVE,
President, Virginia Citizens Defense League (VCDL)**

Monday, January 20, is VCDL's Lobby Day. It is not VCDL's Protest Day.

There is a distinct difference between the two.

Lobby Day is about, well, lobbying - sending a message to the General Assembly and to the Governor, Attorney General, and the Lt. Governor. That message is simple: no more gun control that in any way, shape, or form negatively affects law-abiding gun owners. Bills that go after criminals or bills that are beneficial to gun owners are fine.

While there have been some verbal threats by the Democrat leadership to push major gun control down the throats of Virginia's gun owners and some very bad bills already filed to back up that threat, NOTHING has happened yet and won't until after January 8. And perhaps it won't happen at all, if we press hard enough.

The sanctuary movement, with its absolutely massive turnouts of gun owners, is sending a deafening message to lawmakers ahead of Lobby Day. On top of that, we now believe the size of the crowd on Lobby Day could be absolutely incredible, possibly historic, if gun owners from around the state follow through and attend as we believe they will. You will absolutely want to be a part of this!

Militias

Various militia groups from Virginia and nearby states have graciously volunteered to provide security. With a large Capitol, Richmond, and State police presence, not to mention enough citizens armed with handguns to take over a modern mid-sized country, we have the security base covered nicely. That said, we welcome our militia brothers and sisters to be part of making the day a success! Some militia groups are looking to take canned food donations during Lobby Day and deliver them to a Richmond Food Bank.

Long Guns

If you are asking how you can help with VCDL's mission, carrying long guns at Lobby Day is

not helpful - it is a distraction. VCDL's important messages inevitably get lost as the press rushes to get pictures of anyone carrying an AR or AK. The stories then become about the rifle, not VCDL's agenda. You can set your watch by it. Long guns are not easy to carry in a crowd, either. VCDL needs its voice heard loud and clear in order to be able to stop the onslaught of gun-control bills.

Laws you need to know for carry in Richmond

You can't have a magazine in a centerfire rifle or pistol that holds more than 20 rounds unless you have a Concealed Handgun Permit (CHP). You must also have a CHP if the centerfire rifle or pistol has a threaded barrel or a folding stock. The state code section, which also covers similar restrictions on shotguns is covered here: 18.2-287.4

Open carry without a CHP is legal in Virginia, but watch the restrictions in the previous paragraph.

You need a CHP to carry in the General Assembly or Capitol Building. Once through security, you can carry openly or concealed in the buildings. You cannot carry in the gallery over the Senator Floor. Keep an eye on these alerts. Should any of this change, we will notify you here.

VCDL Lobby Day is a peaceful event about gun rights and NOTHING ELSE.

We are NOT there to have arguments with the other side. They lobby, we lobby, and never the two shall meet. Just ignore them.

And we are not there to push any other agenda. Our total focus is on protecting our right to keep and bear arms. Period. This is not about flags, statues, history, etc. Just guns.

If you somehow find yourself being harassed by the other side, don't engage them. They could well be baiting you and recording what you do for propaganda purposes. If necessary, go find a police officer and let them take care of the person causing the disturbance. Otherwise, just ignore them and go about your business.

VCDL has a great relationship with the Capitol Police, the Richmond Police, the Virginia State Police, and most other law enforcement agencies in the Commonwealth. We welcome their presence and are glad they are there to keep everything peaceful, while we work on the job at hand.

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This should be a great event, with freedom-loving Americans from all walks of life standing shoulder-to-shoulder to protect our most precious civil right--the right of self-defense. See you there! PVC



**VCDL LOBBY DAY RALLY, JANUARY 20,
SPEAKERS LIST**

Stephen Willeford stopped a massacre at a church in Texas
Antonia Oakafor trains women college students to be able to protect themselves with a firearm
Dick Heller from the landmark U.S. Supreme Court case of DC v. Heller
Dr. Veronica Sloatzsky, a psychiatrist in Northern Virginia
Cam Edwards, Bearing Arms and host of the Cam & Co Youtube channel
Jeff Katz, talk-show host on Richmond's powerhouse radio station WRVA
Erich Pratt, Executive Director of Gun Owners of America
Sheriff Scott Jenkins of Culpeper County, willing to deputize thousands if necessary to save their gun rights
Sheriff Danny Diggs of York County, pledging to stand strong against infringements on the right to keep and bear arms
Anthony Myers, gun-rights activist from Suffolk
Senator Amanda Chase
Delegate Nick Freitas
Delegate John McGuire

Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions, TrudyF@Reagan.com or 804-776-0833.

Best regards,

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MCRC Chairman