



IOWA FIREARMS COALITION

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FROM THE TOP

Presidents Message

Well, as we are all celebrating the end of 2020, we have some good things to look forward to despite our disappointment with some of the Federal Election results last November. IFC's efforts to increase our pro-gun majorities in the Iowa House and Senate paid off, leading to the second passing of the Freedom Amendment on January 28th. The job ahead is a big one, and that's to educate enough Iowa voters to ensure the passage of this important Constitutional Amendment in 2022. If you haven't seen the text that will be before the voters next year, here it is;

"The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. The sovereign state of Iowa affirms and recognizes this right to be a fundamental individual right. Any and all restrictions of this right shall be subject to strict scrutiny."

We as an organization still have legislative goals for this session, many of them are still in progress, so I'll ask that you just continue to watch for Action Alerts and our new IFC website for updates.

Please mark your calendars for an important event;

Our annual Second Amendment Lobby Day and Rally at the Iowa State Capitol Rotunda are scheduled for February 25th at 1:30 PM.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at this event.

Until then, shoot straight, speak the truth, and never stop defending your freedoms.

Dave Funk
President, Iowa Firearms Coalition

Under the Golden Dome



The 89th session of the Iowa General Assembly was gavelled into session on January 11, 2021. Their tentative schedule can be found here:

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/SESTT/current.pdf>

FREEDOM AMENDMENT PASSES BOTH THE IOWA HOUSE AND SENATE! - Iowa is one of only six states that do not have wording in their state constitutions to protect our right to keep and bear arms. After years of hard, diligent work, IFC has helped to move this amendment forward. The Freedom Amendment has been passed by both the Iowa House and Senate. That means it will be headed to the people of Iowa for a vote in 2022. We still need to keep our eye on the ball if we hope to get this passed. The light at the end of the tunnel is near. As a team, we can get this done. Attend IFC 2A day at the Capitol on Feb 25th and let your state reps know that you support this amendment.

ANTI GUN BILLS INTRODUCED AND ALREADY CONSIDERED DOA - Here is a list of the bills that have been introduced and already killed by our 2A friendly members of the legislature:

HF24 - An Act relating to firearm violence protective orders and making penalties applicable.

HF65 - An Act relating to the issuance, denial, suspension, or revocation of a permit to carry weapons and a permit to acquire pistols or revolvers.

HF126 - An Act prohibiting the carrying, transportation, or possession of firearms in the capitol building and on capitol grounds, and making penalties applicable.

HF127 - An Act prohibiting the manufacture, possession, shipment, transportation, or receipt of a multi-burst trigger activator, and providing penalties.

HF128 - An Act relating to the sale or transfer of firearms, providing penalties, and including applicability provisions.

HF129 - An Act prohibiting the sale, transfer, or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices

providing penalties, and including effective date and applicability provisions.

HF130 - An Act relating to law enforcement profiling by standardizing collection and centralizing the compilation and of officer stop and compliance data, providing for officer training, creating a community policing advisory board, providing for penalties and remedies, and including effective date provisions.

HF131 - An Act prohibiting the sale or transfer of semiautomatic assault weapons, providing penalties, and including effective date and applicability provisions.

IFC 2A DAY AT THE IOWA STATE CAPITOL - Please mark your calendars for the next IFC 2A Day at the Capitol on Thursday, Feb. 25th, 2021. Attendees should meet at the Capitol Building ground floor rotunda area. Stop by one of the IFC tables and pick up an orange sticker for ID. Follow the crowd and hear the speakers and your state legislators. This event will be huge. Come early, leave when you wish. Be there and let your voice be heard.

Second Amendment Day at the Capitol

February 25th 1:30pm–4:30pm



The Iowa Firearms Coalition has planned their annual freedom rally at the Iowa State Capitol Building in Des Moines, Iowa. We will be meeting in the rotunda area.

We will discuss current 2A legislative efforts and hear from legislators & speakers pushing for increased 2A freedoms in Iowa & protecting rights for future generations.



**Join us at 1:30pm while we lobby our
individual Representatives and Senators.**

NRA NEWS

NRA MOVES TO TEXAS - As part of their plan to deal with recent financial issues and to reorganize, the NRA has announced that they are moving to the great state of Texas and reincorporating in that state. Read about what's happening:

<https://www.nraforward.org/press-release>

CAN'T WE ALL JUST GET ALONG - While proclaiming that he is the UNITY president JB says he plans on targeting the NRA and its members like they just committed a major crime.

He has an extensive to-do list that we highly doubt will make you feel like unifying. Check out the list here:

<https://www.nraila.org/articles/20210119/unity-president-vows-to-defeat-america-s-oldest-and-largest-civil-rights-group>

BRACE YOURSELF - News broke a short time ago that certain individuals at the BATFE have been conspiring with the new Biden/Harris regime to regulate popular firearm wrist braces and unfinished frames and receivers (commonly referred to as 80% receivers). Learn where this could be headed here:

<https://www.nraila.org/articles/20201116/batfe-leadership-push-biden-to-target-pistol-stabilizing-braces-and-unfinished-receivers>

KAMALA SAYS - Using the eighth anniversary of the Sandy Hook school shootings as her backdrop, the next president of the United States has called for common-sense gun control measures. We all know what common sense means to her. She has made that perfectly clear. Read more:

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/kamala-harris-commonsense-gun-control-confiscation>

JUST THE FACTS MA'AM - NRA has launched a new web page that deals specifically with the facts surrounding legal matters where the NRA is involved. As can be expected there are numerous misleading reports being circulated pertaining to these issues. Read the facts here:

<https://www.nrlegalfacts.org/>

Keep informed on these and other national gun issues at www.nraila.org.

IOWA DNR NEWS

****NOTE****

Some DNR events are still canceled due to on-going Covid-19 issues. The safety of users, attendees, partners, and staff is the most important. When possible, events have been rescheduled and that information will be distributed accordingly. Please check this site frequently for the latest closures, postponements, and updates:

<https://www.iowadnr.gov/About-DNR/DNR-News-Releases>

DNR ANNUAL MEETINGS - The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will host a virtual meeting at 6:30 p.m., Feb. 23, to review the recently completed hunting and trapping seasons, discuss possible changes to rules and regulations, and address other topics as requested and time allows.

“We want people to attend this meeting, listen to the seasons reviews, ask questions and hear directly from our staff,” said Todd Bishop, chief of the Iowa DNR’s Wildlife Bureau. “Part of the

meeting will be devoted to discussing potential rule changes and collecting feedback as we work through the rules process.”

The meeting is open to the public and replaces the series of meetings held across the state. This online platform has a limit of 1,000 attendees and attendees must sign up to attend. Sign up in advance for this meeting at

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/9tZ0qfuqsqz8jG9TAEH20gv500Jo_VUSq5D8X A confirmation email will be sent containing information about joining the meeting.

WINTER BIRDING - For those that enjoy watching our feathered friends you are in luck this year. What the DNR refers to as a bird *irruption* is in full swing in Iowa. To find out just what that means, read here:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/IACIO/bulletins/2b190cc>

WINTER HUNTING - Iowa is and always has been a great place to hunt. From pheasants to whitetails it's all here. Information on obtaining licenses, regulations, and seasons can be found here: <https://www.iowadnr.gov/Hunting/Hunting-Season-Dates>

WINTER FISHING - With many of the State's COVID restrictions being relaxed, fall is a great time to get a line wet in many of Iowa's lakes and waterways. For current forecasts and other information: <https://www.iowadnr.gov/Fishing>

FOR THOSE OF YOU WITH ICE IN YOUR VEINS - The DNR wants to remind everyone that due to ever-changing conditions no ice is ever 100% safe. Brush up on your ice fishing safety rules here and be safe: <https://www.iowadnr.gov/About-DNR/DNR-News-Releases/ArticleID/3380/Stay-safe-on-the-ice-this-winter>

GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING HUNTING, FISHING, AND OTHER WINTER ACTIVITIES- <http://publications.iowa.gov/33942/1/Oct.%206%20Iowa%20Outdoors.pdf>

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT IOWA'S STATE PARKS, VISIT - www.iowadnr.org/parks2020.

AROUND THE STATE

IFC members can submit stories and info from events around Iowa. Submit to www.davelincoln@iowafc.org. Please include a brief description of the event and a photo.

FEATURED FIREARM

IFC members can submit information and a pic for publication of one of their favorite firearms to www.davelincoln@iowaafc.org. Please include a brief description of the firearm with your photo.



Our Featured Firearm this quarter comes from our very own organization President, Dave Funk. Dave tells us that on his grass-alfalfa farm in western Marion County, he's always on the lookout for coyotes and woodchucks. With a good population of trophy deer, turkey, quail, and pheasant, he tries to keep the numbers in balance with the habitat. Dave believes that every farm or ranch owner needs a good utility rifle suitable for their property so a few years ago he had Controlled Chaos Arms order in a Howa, Mini Action, heavy barreled rifle in 6.5 Grendel caliber from Brownells. CCA threaded the barrel and Cerakoated it. After some test shooting with the factory stock, he decided to swap it out to a chassis system and had Creative Arms install one of their suppressor tubes after they shortened the barrel, pinning it on to keep it a legal rifle length.

Today it shoots 95gr V-max bullets at 2300fps out of a 10.5" barrel and is very effective on coyotes and woodchucks out past 300 yards, which is the maximum safe distance he can shoot on his property. What's your idea of your perfect Iowa utility rifle? Submit an article with your ideas to us here at IFC.

LET'S EAT

IFC members can submit a favorite recipe for publication in the newsletter to www.davelincoln@iowaafc.org.

Submitted by IFC member Kevin Cline

CHEESE CHOWDER

3 cups water
4 medium potatoes (cubed)
1 cup celery (sliced)
1 cup carrots (sliced)
1 large onion (diced)
2 tsp salt
¼ tsp pepper
½ cup butter
½ cup flour
1 cup cheddar cheese
2 cups ham, cubed
Hot sauce (to taste)
4 cups milk

Boil water, add veggies, salt and pepper. Simmer for 10-15 mins. Melt butter in a large saucepan. Blend flour in and then gradually stir in milk. Cool over medium heat, stirring constantly until mixture thickens. Add cheese, stir until melted. Stir cheese mixture into veggies. Add ham, hot sauce. Soup tastes better if cooled the day before eating. When reheating, add milk if it's too thick.

ON A LIGHTER NOTE



A frog calls a psychic hotline and is told “You are going to meet a beautiful young girl who is going to want to know everything about you.” The frog says, “This is great! Will I meet her at a party or what?” “No” says the psychic. “Next semester in her biology class.”

IN UNIFORM

Info and picture of an IFC member or one of their family serving in the military, LE or FD can be submitted for publication to www.davelincoln@iowaafc.org.

MEMBERS GALLERY

IFC members can submit photos of themselves and their family for publication in the newsletter to www.davelincoln@iowaafc.org. Please include names and a brief description of the activity in the photo.



Prairie dog shooting in South Dakota with IFC member Jim Jorgenson. His bench gun was a CZ in .22 Hornet caliber and Jim tells us that it was VERY accurate and effective on the little rodents. The rifle on his lap is a Ruger #1 in .223 caliber.

Jim said that he has since sold the CZ and has regretted it ever since. I'm sure we all can relate to that.

FAREWELL

Info regarding the passing of an IFC member can be submitted for publication to www.davelincoln@iowaafc.org.

ROUNDS DOWN RANGE

Information on shooting ranges operated by State, County, or private entities can be submitted to www.davelincoln.iowaafc.org.

SHOOTING RANGES OPERATED BY THE IOWA DNR CAN BE FOUND HERE:

<https://www.iowadnr.gov/Hunting/Places-to-Hunt-Shoot/Iowa-Shooting-Ranges>

UPCOMING EVENTS

IFC Members can submit upcoming events for publication in the next newsletter. All events submitted should include the event name, event date, where the event is taking place, and event contact info. All events should be submitted to:

www.davelincoln.iowaafc.org

Cancellations and rescheduling occur on a day to day basis, therefore you should always check with the promoters before attending. Many events and gun shows are now open but are requiring attendees to wear proper protective gear such as face masks.

GUN SHOWS AND OTHER EVENT INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND HERE:

<https://www.gunshowminute.com/gunshows/iowa/>

DONORS

The following individuals have made monetary donations to IFC above their membership dues. If you would like to donate to IFC and help to strengthen our cause please visit our website at www.iowaafc.org.

4th Quarter Donors 10/22/2020 to 12/31/2020

