

The Real Meaning of The 2nd Amendment

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.

- Alexander Hamilton – Federalist Paper 29:
*The project of disciplining all the militia of the United States is as futile as it would be injurious if it were capable of being carried into execution. A tolerable expertness in military movements is a business that requires time and practice. It is not a day, nor a week nor even a month, that will suffice for the attainment of it. To oblige the great body of the yeomanry and of the other classes of the citizens to be under arms for the purpose of going through military exercises and evolutions, as often as might be necessary to acquire the degree of perfection which would entitle them to the **character of a well regulated militia**, would be a real grievance to the people and a serious public inconvenience and loss.*
- Summary of the above - “well regulated” in today’s terms would mean “well trained”
- Federal definition of militia – United States Code Title 10 – Subtitle A – Part 1 Organization and General Military Powers – Section 311 Militia; composition and classes
 - (a) The militia of the United States consists of all able-bodied males at least 17 years of age and, except as provided in section 313 of title 32, under 45 years of age who are, or who have made a declaration of intention to become, citizens of the United States and of female citizens of the United States who are members of the National Guard.
 - (b) The classes of the militia are—
 - (1) the organized militia, which consists of the National Guard and the Naval Militia; and
 - (2) the unorganized militia, which consists of the members of the militia who are not members of the National Guard or the Naval Militia.
- “The right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed”
 1. Arm is defined by Merriam-Webster Collegiate Dictionary as - *a means (as a weapon) of offense or defense*; especially : [firearm](#)
 2. *Origin of Arms* - Middle English *armes* (plural) weapons, from Anglo-French, from Latin *arma*
 3. First Known Use: 13th century

- State definition of militia – Connecticut General Statutes Title 27 – Chapter 504 Militia – Section 27-2 Classes of Militia

The militia shall be divided into four classes as follows: The unorganized militia, the organized militia, the National Guard and the naval militia. The National Guard for the purposes of this chapter shall consist of the National Guard and the Air National Guard. The unorganized militia shall consist of all male citizens and all male residents of the state who have declared their intention to become citizens of the United States, between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years, not exempt from military duty by federal or state laws or by such reasons of physical or mental disabilities as shall be prescribed in general orders or regulations published by the Adjutant General and approved by the Governor and who are not members of the organized militia or of the National Guard or of the naval militia, and all female citizens and all female residents of the state who have declared their intention to become citizens of the United States, between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years, who may voluntarily offer their services to the state. The organized militia shall consist of the Governor's Guards, the State Guard and such other military forces as may be designated by the Governor as commander-in-chief, which may hereafter be organized under the provisions of the laws of this state. The National Guard shall consist of such forces as may be organized and maintained by this state pursuant to the laws and regulations of the United States relating to the National Guard. The naval militia shall consist of such persons as may enlist or be appointed or commissioned therein as a special force for coast protection and as a naval reserve and shall be organized and maintained by this state pursuant to the laws and regulations of the United States relating to the naval militia and may include a marine corps branch of the naval militia subordinate thereto in all matters pertaining to command, discipline or administration. The organized militia, the National Guard, the naval militia and marine corps branch of the naval militia, whenever organized, shall be, for all purposes under the general statutes, the armed forces of the state.

- Constitution of the State of Connecticut - Article 1 Declaration of Rights – Section 15 - Every citizen has a right to bear arms in defense of himself and the state.

Article 11 - Section 1 - General Provisions - Oaths

Members of the general assembly, and all officers, executive and judicial, shall, before they enter on the duties of their respective offices, take the following oath or affirmation, to wit:

You do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be) that you will support the constitution of the United States, and the constitution of the state of Connecticut, so long as you continue a citizen thereof; and that you will faithfully discharge, according to law, the duties of the office of _____ to the best of your abilities. So help you God.

“The constitution shall never be construed...to prevent the people of the United States who are peaceable citizens from keeping their own arms.” – Alexander Hamilton

“The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms in, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government.” -Thomas Jefferson

“The beauty of the Second Amendment is that it will not be needed until they try to take it.” – Thomas Jefferson

“Laws that forbid the carrying of arms . . . disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes . . . Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants; they serve rather to encourage than to prevent homicides, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed man.” – Thomas Jefferson

“Disarm the people- that is the best and most effective way to enslave them.” – James Madison

*“A free people ought not only to be armed and disciplined, but they should have **sufficient arms and ammunition** to maintain a status of independence from any who might attempt to abuse them, which would include their own government.” – George Washington*

“Those Who Sacrifice Liberty For Security Deserve Neither.” – Benjamin Franklin

- You are responsible for your own security, not the police. This was ruled by The Supreme Court of the United States in *Warren v District of Columbia* (444 A.2d. 1, D.C. Ct. of Ap. 1981)
- Police do not have a duty to provide police services to individuals, even if a dispatcher promises help to be on the way, except when police develop a special duty to particular individuals.
- *Miller v US* states that members of the militia "...when called for service these men were expected to appear bearing arms supplied by themselves and of the kind in common use at the time."
- In 2011 Connecticut had 128 homicides 1 was committed with a rifle – why the push to limit our rifles based on cosmetic features.

NOT ONE SINGLE LAW EXISTING OR PROPOSED HAS TAKEN FIREARMS FROM CRIMINALS, JUST LAW ABIDING CITIZENS!