

FSSA President's Comments

Happy Independence Day. We are surely blessed by the freedoms we have. One of those freedoms is the right to keep and bear arms, a fundamental right protected by the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution, part of the Bill of Rights, and by the constitutions of Florida and many other states. So, did you bear arms and go hunting, shoot some plates, or get that last practice in before going to a match? I hope you had a great day and no matter your shooting interests, thanks for keeping the Second Amendment going strong.

Thanks also for your support of your state association. FSSA is a state association that is doing good things for our members with the resources we have. Last month, we supported five grant requests from Florida's junior shooters totaling \$2500. I invite you to read the articles submitted by our impressive group of juniors on the FSSA website: <https://flssa.org/Recipient-Spotlight>.

In the next few days, the NRA National Championships and the CMP Matches will begin. We'll have a number of FSSA shooters attending. FSSA is supporting team fees and team shirts. Other FSSA shooters will also be involved in the NRA and CMP matches, and, recently competed in the USA Shooting championships this summer. Look for pictures and stories on FSSA's Facebook page and Website.

At our last Board meeting, our Membership Director informed us that we are awaiting renewals from over 100 members. If you are overdue for renewal, or are coming due, I ask you to please consider renewing. The majority of your dues go toward FSSA's ability to fund our teams, our juniors and our women's programs. If you are still thinking about renewing, I'd love to talk to you about the impact and importance of your membership. If you have questions about what we do, I invite you to contact me at president@flssa.org.

If you are able, please consider a donation to FSSA. We are a tax-deductible 501(c)3 organization. You can donate on the website at <https://flssa.org/http/www.flssa.org/Donate>.

FSSA is still looking for a volunteer to take over as Treasurer. Jeff Stuart is stepping down at the end of this year. He has been a tremendous asset to your Association. The position requires only about 4-8 hours a month and is integral to

our operations. If you are interested and would like more information, or know another member who may be interested in this very important position, please contact me, or Jeff at treasurer@flssa.org.

Finally, I am honored that the FSSA board has endorsed my reelection to the NRA Board of Directors. It's a challenging time, but I believe in the mission and strongly support the Second Amendment.

Enjoy the Day and the rest of the summer. Get out and do some shooting. Better yet, take someone new to the range and teach them to shoot!

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President FSSA