

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Welcome, Alex City Shooting Club members, to the October version of our club newsletter. Fall, football, and hunting season are in the air; the temperatures are beginning to cool off and hunters of all type are reaching that fever pitch. Whether archery or firearms related, be sure to visit The Sure Shot in Alex City for your needs.

Once again, someone of questionable mental capacity has managed to use a firearm to try and fulfill whatever his twisted mission had become. And, yes, once again, the media jumped feet first into the fire – facts be damned, they reported what they believed would be the most incendiary, inciting details. It mattered not that they wrongfully reported the use of an AR clone; that they named as the shooter a perfectly innocent individual, or that the numbers of EVERYTHING – shooters, victims, shots fired, ad nauseum – fluctuated wildly; it only mattered that their paper was the first to stir the pot of Gun Control Stew.

Once the dust settled and the facts started to filter out, those that had shouted the loudest disappeared the fastest. One thing, and one thing only, became crystal clear. The system in place to screen contract workers on Federal facilities had been found unbelievably porous. The same company that screened this individual, also screened and passed the individual responsible for the single greatest mass release of classified documents in U.S. history. This company had overlooked repeated indicators of mental instability and precursors of violent behavior and approved what turned out to be a mass murderer. But the problem was the gun.....

Perhaps an indicator of the feelings of the majority of Americans on gun control issues is most plainly seen in the results of the recall elections in Colorado. Two elected state legislators who helped write, sponsor, and push through, anti - Second Amendment legislation in their state were called to task by their constituents. Both (Democrats) lost their jobs and were replaced by gun friendly folk. Common sense prevailed. Hopefully an indicator of things to come.

I had no intention of this being a political column, but.....I was pleased to no end to see some of our Republican Statespersons – Michelle Bachmann, for one – push aside the barriers at the World War II monument. A group of WWII vets had long been scheduled to fly in and visit the memorial, but due to the government shutdown, found it closed. Ms. Bachmann, out for a walk, heard of their predicament and led the charge to remove the barricades. Well done!

I have pontificated enough for one month. Once again, remember that all opinions, thoughts, and Politically Incorrect ramblings are mine and mine alone.

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