It does not require a majority to prevail, but rather an irate, tireless minority keen to set brush fires in people's minds." - Samuel Adams



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MOLON LABE

March 2, 2013 Second Amendment Draws the Public

Town Criers take pictures of people taking pictures of Town Criers





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'Molon Labe' (Come and Take It) attracts the attention of the public in the historic area of St. Augustine, Florida. Two flags, the Tea Party sign and a Second Amendment sign are all that it takes to generate interest in the gun control issue. The compound picture above was

taken of a group of people from the Miami, Florida area. The group, consisting mostly of women, revealed when interviewed that they strongly opposed Washington's attempt to put additional restrictions on the Second Amendment right to bear arms. According to the people that the Town Criers engaged today, there is little support for the Obama administration's view that the American people want strict gun control. In fact, the direct opposite was expressed. Numerous people approached the Criers asking where they could obtain a 'Molan Labe' flag. According to the Town Criers, there is a huge disconnect between Washington, the media that supports them and the people. This is the seventh week that the Criers have been addressing the gun control issue. There is growing defiance, expressed among the people. It is a very emotional issue, according to the Town Criers.





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February 5, 2013

"Awake the State" demonstrations return to St. Augustine, FL

The 'Awake the State' demonstrations have been around for some time now, with the first activity in St. Augustine, about two years ago. It first appeared on US 1 South in March, 2011. Then in July, 2011, they organized a 'Feed the Homeless' project in the historic area of St. Augustine, Florida. Those events evolved into the 'Occupy St. Augustine' movement. These 'Wake the State' and



associated activities were largely organized by Terri Buckenmeyer Photos by TCC Staff and Ed Slavin. These two individuals have been associated with communist groups. Neither individual was present at this 'Free the Vote Rally' today. It was reported that Annette Cappella is the regional coordinator for the 'Awake this State' activities. Ms. Cappella is a former Democratic Executive Committee (DEC) Chairman and currently serves as the State Committeewoman for the DEC. Ms. Cappella, Vicky Oakes, Supervisor of Elections and Doug Wiles, a former Florida House Representative, among others, were the principal speakers. Purpose of the rally was to promote expanded early voter registration, additional early voting locations, limiting amendments to the Constitution to 75 words or less, and to provide local Supervisors of Elections greater discretion in setting standards. The speakers addressed approximately 30 people who were in attendance. Vicky Oakes communicated her support for the statements she saw on the signs the demonstrators were holding. Doug Wiles expressed his



belief that by expanding the early voting and the number of locations, the interests of the democracy would be greater served. He went on to say that he thought that the more people voting, the better the decision. A Tea Party observer, who wishes to remain anonymous, made the following comment, "The Constitution created a representative Republic, not a democracy. Nowhere in the Constitution is the word democracy mentioned. Individual

rights are best protected in a Republic. Our founding fathers understood this. The histories of democracies are that they are short lived and end in tyranny. I think there are great philosophical differences, between the Tea Party and the people assembled here. There seems to be a collective process going on here, as expressed in the union style chanting."

The event was covered by Jacksonville's channel 4. After the speakers finished their presentations, the demonstrators made their way to US 1 N. for a sign wave demonstration which lasted approximately 15 minutes.

Ironically, as the 'Free the Vote Rally' proceeded, the Florida House overwhelmingly voted for Election Reform

The Florida House overwhelmingly voted in support of most of the objectives of this demonstration. The vote was 118 to 1 and the dissenting vote was a Republican. Apparently both parties favor early voting. It has been reported that early voting creates the potential for voter fraud.

March 9, 2013



Washington Beware.....

It is becoming increasingly clear that the public in the historic district of St. Augustine, Florida, are no longer looking to Washington to solve the nation's problems. St. Augustine hosts people from all parts of the country. Town Criers are a committee of the St. Augustine Tea Party, which completed its 62nd outing on St. George Street, today. Over the last year or so, the subject material of the committee's signage has varied. For the past seven weeks, however, the committee's focus has been on the

second amendment and the right to bear arms. The dialogue is no longer about Republicans versus Democrats. And they see no reason to expect the two parties to resolve anything. With their liberties under constant attack by the Obama's White House and the Congress unwilling to perform its responsibilities, the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States becomes more and more significant, so say the Town Criers. "A nervous and anxious public is becoming increasingly aware that liberty cannot exist without the ability to defend it," declared a Tea Party spokesman. Continuing, "What will Americans do if Washington



Photos by TCC Staff Page | 3 impose new, gun control restrictions in the form of registration and confiscation? The answer is they will ignore them." An increasingly defiant American people are emerging. People seem to understand that liberty and freedom cannot exist without the second amendment. And at this point, they will not surrender to White House demands.

Approval of the Tea Party presence Widespread

The Tea Party presence was well accepted by the public, and they were eager to participate. This reporter did notice one exception. A man sitting on a bench on St. George Street called a Town Crier person over and declared, "You people are sick." The Town Crier thanked him for his comment and added, "But we are very effective." At this point, several Criers assembled in front of the man, and waited for people to respond to them. The dialogue and photograph session that followed, clearly upset their opponent. The following pictures are representative of the day's activity.





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The left does not win its battles in debate. It doesn't have to. In the 21st century, media is everything. The left wins because it controls the narrative. The narrative is controlled by the media. The left is the media. Narrative is everything. I call it the Democratic-Media Complex--and I am at war to gain back the American narrative. Andrew Breitbart

March 12, 2013

SATP Holds its Regular Business Meeting

The Saint Augustine Tea Party held its regular business meeting at the Village Inn, today. A discussion of Town Crier activities and a brief history was presented primarily for the benefit of eight new people who were present in the audience. New Town Crier signage was presented to the membership.



Photo by TCC Staff

A significant order of business was a motion to approve entering into an agreement with News Service of Florida, a Tallahassee company. The motion was unanimously carried. With the acquisition of the news service the Saint Augustine Tea Party will be able to provide daily political news from Tallahassee in addition to the Town Crier Committee Report published online.

March 14, 2013



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The REC Holds its Monthly Meeting

The Republican Executive Committee (REC) held its monthly meeting in St. Augustine, Florida. Sean Mulhall, Chairman, opened the meeting. The agenda provided for two speakers. The first speaker, Gary Hollis, from the Republican Party of Florida (RPOF), made an appeal to the REC members to get involved in their precincts promoting Gov. Scott's reelection.



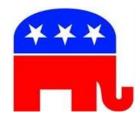
Some members speculated that this early effort was due to the Governor's poor showing in the polls. It is well known that many of the Tea Party supporters have been disenfranchised because of the Governor's failure to protect the State and its people, from the onslaught of Obamacare.

The second speaker was John Sauer. Mr. Sauer represents the 103rd precinct as a precinct captain. Mr. Sauer spoke about the failure of Mitt Romney's election campaign. He provided the REC members with insightful analysis of the Romney campaign's failure. During a question and answer session that accompanied Mr. Sauer's presentation, James Arpaia, a 302nd precinct captain pictured on the left, rose to address the members. Mr. Arpaia identified himself as a conservative Republican and announced that he considered himself a Tea Party member. He then pointed to a group of Saint Augustine Tea Party members present at the meeting and claimed that he felt uncomfortable with their presence in the REC. In particular, the presence of the editor and publisher of this publication was of particular concern to him. He cited the Town Crier Committee Report (TCCR) as contributing to the failure of Republican candidates, including Mr. Romney. At a previous REC meeting in December of 2012, Mr. Arpaia challenged the editor and publisher of the TCCR at this public meeting stating, "You do not belong here. I will do anything I can in my power to have you removed as a member of the REC."

The Saint Augustine Tea Party members, some who are also precinct captains, could not explain Mr. Arpaia's motives regarding the attack today. According to public records, Mr. Arpaia is a board member of the St. Johns County Tea Party (SJCTP). The SJCTP was formed when, at the time, REC board members, Eric West and Randy Covington, failed at their attempted takeover of the Saint Augustine Tea Party. Eric West has since ceased his Tea Party leadership activities and Randy Covington, who is still a board member of the SJCTP, has been removed from the REC for undisclosed reasons. The records show that Mr. Arpaia replaced Eric West as a director of the SJCTP. Together Mr. Covington and Mr. Arpaia have controlling interest of the SJCTP. The SJCTP has a history of membership by invitation only, with most of its members being REC members.

The Saint Augustine Tea Party members reported that they thought a recent settlement of a legal matter between West and Covington and others had put the matter to rest. Perhaps, Mr. Arpaia feels differently.

Saint Augustine Tea Party, a 'grass roots' completely independent Tea Party was welcomed to the REC by former Chairman Harlan Mason and has been extended every courtesy by its current Chairman, Sean Mulhall. The members, who were attacked, expressed hope that continued cooperation on common interests between the REC and the Tea Party movement would prevail.



March 16, 2013



Second Amendment Supported Only by "Old White Guys"..... Well, not so Much

This week, the <u>LA Times</u> said that conservative white men, in their support of the Second Amendment, are worse than terrorists and need monitoring. This was prompted by a report from the Southern Poverty Law Center which called on the US Justice Department to take action. The Town Criers, a Saint

Augustine Tea Party (SATP) committee, has been engaging the public in the historic area of St Augustine, FL. each week. St Augustine provides a national audience as the City hosts visitors from all over the country. Since January 19, 2013, their topic has been the 2nd amendment. The Town Criers reported that, it is not old white guys; it is young, old, male, female, black, white and Hispanic. This diverse group of People comes from every State in the Union.

How young? Consider the youngsters pictured above. Their parents encouraged them to pose with the Town Crier's Second Amendment signs. "Each boy came armed with a [toy] flint lock pistol. Imagine, they actually pointed them into the crowd. Can you imagine what would happen if they took their toys to school? Lord, how I despise 'Political Correctness'. There was a time when this Marxist nonsense didn't exist in America. The Government's challenge to our 'Right to Bear Arms' is uniting people. We can only hope that, in their righteous indignation, the people will put an end to the tyranny of this progressive era," remarked Dave Heimbold, SATP Chairman. The diversity of the Second Amendment support is reflected in photographs accompanying this article. "Based on our experience, the Southern Poverty Law Center will need to expand their terrorist list to include the vast majority of the American population. The Second Amendment isn't about white males; it touches everyone," Mr. Heimbold said.



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Who gives a damn where Obama was born. It's where he lives now that's the problem.

HELLO HOUSE REPUBLICANS

March 24, 2013

Town Criers in the Rain

This weekend, an 'Arts and Crafts' show was planned at Francis Field for March 23, and March 24, 2013, in the historic district of St. Augustine, Florida. In addition, the 'Blessing of the Fleet', an annual event, was scheduled for March 24.



Come and Get Inem.

These events normally attract both locals and visitors to downtown St.



Augustine. The festive activities were canceled because of rain, thunder storms, and high winds. The Town Criers had been scheduled for an appearance on St. George Street on Saturday. However, heavy rains prior to the start of their activities caused them to cancel. According to the Criers, it was observed that, in spite of the inclement weather on Sunday, numerous visitors were present. The Town Criers regrouped and made their weekend appearance. "We have

only been rained out once since we started our weekend activities in St. Augustine. That was not so much because of the rain, but because of the lack of people. Today, the people are here, in spite of the rain, so we are here in between the raindrops," a member of the group said. The Town Criers are a committee of the St. Augustine Tea Party. Since the beginning of the year they have been promoting Second Amendment rights.



Is it patriotic to refuse to pay taxes to criminals and corrupt government?

When does it finally become unpatriotic to send taxes to criminals masquerading as government?

Why would honest citizens subsidize a criminal government which is obviously intent on destroying them?

When do taxes get high enough to be called what they are....robbery?

When does government harassment of its citizens, and the systematic abolition of their natural rights, *officially* become tyranny?

When do regular citizens call this government a spade....the shovel that will bury them? John Knapp



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Coming to Your Home Town Soon





No Doubt to Direct Traffic

March 26, 2013 Saint Augustine Tea Party holds its Regular Open Meeting.

The Saint Augustine Tea Party held its regular open meeting at the Village Inn. The Saint Augustine Tea Party



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holds its open meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Louis Nardozi presented the concept of Nullification. He explained that when the federal government was formed by the several States, its powers were limited to that which was expressly stated in the Constitution. If the federal government enacts legislation that exceeds its authority, then the States' legislators have the option to nullify such unconstitutional law. Nullification was first used during John Adams' administration. Nullification was well known to the founders. Madison and Jefferson wrote about the concept in the Federalist Papers. According to Mr. Nardozi, another example would be the 'fugitive slave act'. This was a federal law that required runaway slaves to be returned to the state of their origin. Various states nullified the law and refused to enforce. Ultimately, the federal government repealed the act.

Joe Ryan also spoke about an educational issue. He alerted the members to the dangers of a program, already initiated in part, and called 'Common Core'. He asserted that it is Marxist in nature and teaches Communist values to our youth. Yvonne Heikkinen, expanded on the 'Common Core's threat, stating that it is before the Florida State Legislature this week. Chairman Dave Heimbold added that a new feature on this web site will post News Service Florida articles as a daily feature on the SATP web site which you are now reading.

March 30, 2013

Great Weather and the Joy of Easter attract many to Historic St. Augustine

A bright sunny 77° day and Easter joy filled the streets of the historic area of St. Augustine, Florida this weekend.



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The Town Criers, a Committee of the St. Augustine Tea Party, greeted the exuberant visitors on their 67th outing. Though Easter is about redemption, clearly, the public is fully aware of the impending danger from

government intrusion into their personal lives. Listening to the conversations between the people on St. George Street and the Town Criers, reveals that many have far greater insight than the general level of discussion in both print and network media. The conversations today regarding the Second Amendment revealed that the public understands that the right to bear arms is the final defense against abusive and tyrannical government. The progressives and their media suggest it's about hunting, self defense and sport shooting. Large segments of the population are coming to realize that they may have to defend themselves from the government. The public expressed concern about the Federal government's manipulation of the ammunition market. People from all over the country were reporting shortages. It has been reported that Homeland Security is purchasing 1.8 billion rounds of hollow-point bullets. Hollow-point bullets are bullets that are designed for aggressive acts against people inflicting maximum tissue damage. This type of ammunition is not used for target practice. This reporter was surprised at how widespread this information is disseminated among the people on St. George Street. There were numerous accounts of people, particularly from northern states such as Maryland and New York, about the difficulty in legally obtaining and carrying



weapons and purchases of ammunition. When asked if they are complying with the restrictive gun control laws, people expressed a willingness to defy the regulations. The Town Criers reported that a local woman dressed in colonial clothing, but not part of the Town Crier group, expressed her support of the Town Criers Second Amendment activities. She then revealed that she was carrying a firearm. The woman appeared to be a re-enactor of sufficient age to be a grandmother. Not the kind of person you would expect to be carrying. "It makes you wonder just how many people are preparing for the troubled times that appears to be our future," remarked a Town Crier.



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New News Service added the SATP Website

news service FLORIDA **//**

Dave Heimbold, Chair of the SATP, announced at the March 26th meeting, that the News Service Florida (NSF) is now up and running on this web site. This service is similar to the Associated Press (AP) syndicated news service that is used by newspapers nationally. The NSF is similar, but specializes

in the State of Florida's governmental news, i.e. legislation before the Florida Senate and House, news from the Governor's Office and Judicial issues before the Florida Courts. "It has been our experience that we get our Florida legislative news after the fact or at the last minute. We are a three hour drive away from Tallahassee. If there is a 9:00 AM Florida Senate or House Select Committee meeting, and we have no advanced notice, we cannot respond in person or e-mail in time to have any sway. We need advance notice and NSF will give this to our readers. Many of our own local elected officials receive this publication", Heimbold stated.

"At the beginning of the Florida Legislation session there were at least 500 proposed Bills. Obviously, only a few of these will become Law. Our local Tea Party is interested in those Bills that have to do with the Bill of Rights, such as Freedom of Religion, Press, Speech, Right to Bear Arms, Privacy, States Rights, etc. In other words, the Tea Party is the Resistance to the ever encroaching power of the Federal Government and the out of control Obama Administration", added Heimbold. "Now, Obama and his ilk are pushing Background Checks

Republican



Not playing your silly little games anymore. on gun owners. Our question is: "How about a Background Check on the Commander and Chief himself? We will be encouraging Florida State legislation that pushes back any infringement on the 2nd Amendment at the State level; also, any and all issues that threaten Florida's sovereignty." Matt Patterson, a long time SATP member and patriot, will overlook the NSF selections and give us a heads up on Bills that need our immediate attention. Access to the NSF daily articles is just a 'Click' away...located on our home page, left hand column.

Watch out Tallahassee "We the People" will be monitoring your every move.....



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Come join us! We are a small Committee with many tasks to do to preserve Liberty. We are blessed to see the awakening of America.

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