



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

# Town Crier Committee Report

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## What a difference a year makes



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Committee, refused to acknowledge the validity of these regulations, based on the Constitutional rights granted in the First Amendment. Resistance continued over a three-year period. On July 4, 2013, a citation for demonstrating without a permit was issued to Dave Heimbold, SATP Media Chairman. The citation was later rescinded after the incident was exposed by intensive media coverage, which was initiated by this publication.

[See <http://www.examiner.com/article/federal-agents-violate-saint-augustine-tea-party-s-civil-rights>]

Today, the Saint Augustine Tea Party reports that the vast majority of the grounds and sidewalks are now open to Free Speech. They also expressed their gratitude for the help which the Superintendent of the Castillo de San Marcos, Gordon Wilson, provided in getting the Dartmouth such a favorable location in the Park facility. [See <http://www.examiner.com/article/st-augustine-tea-party-acquires-the-dartmouth>] It was noted that the Park Rangers treated the Tea Party with respect and made them feel welcome. A special thanks to Ranger Mayo for her expert crowd management skills was also expressed.

### First Amendment Rights alive and well at the Castillo de San Marcos in St. Augustine, Florida

A year ago today, the National Park Service had a policy of First Amendment Areas, called 'Free Speech Zones', at the Castillo de San Marcos. The policy was based on Department of Interior regulations. The Saint Augustine Tea Party (SATP) and its Town Crier

# Action News returns for follow-up

Action News', Lorena Inclan, returned to the Castillo de San Marcos for interviews with the Saint Augustine Tea Party and the Park Rangers.



In addition to morning interviews, the Dartmouth was used for the background of a live broadcast at 5 PM. It had been hoped that our veterans, on board, could be interviewed. However, a thunderstorm with gusty winds



caused all to scramble, including the veterans, many who are now in advanced age. The theme of the SATP presence was a call to "to force the VA to examine and treat Vets in Hours, not Days, Weeks, or Years!" as stated in the petition. Lorena did her live broadcasts in front of the Dartmouth with the aid of an umbrella. <http://www.actionnewsjax.com/news/news/local/free-speech-zone-controversy-1-year-later/ngY9z/>

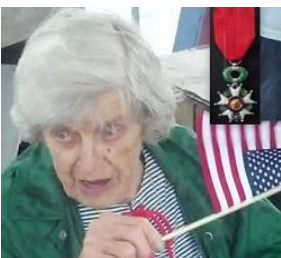
## Help the Vets, Now!

Help the Vets, Now was the theme of the Saint Augustine Tea Party's presence at 4th of July celebration. During the course of the day, those who could be identified as veterans



were invited to come to the Dartmouth for a photo op at 5 PM. A gusty thunderstorm cleared out most of the people in attendance. Only the hardy Tea Party personnel remained. Barbara Patterson, a Navy nurse during the Vietnam era, attended in her nurse's uniform. Lucky Howe, the SATP's only WWII member, spent his afternoon promoting the Tea Party effort. Lucky saw action in the South Pacific during World War II. Rod Heikkinen, a 20 year naval submarine veteran and Paul Hooker, an Army veteran who served in Europe during the World War II occupation, were on board.

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## Special recognition to Mary Basso Long

Also on board the Dartmouth was Mary Basso Long. Mary, now in her nineties, served as an Army nurse during World War II. She was assigned to George S. Patton's third Army. On October 22, 2012, she received the Legion of Honor from the French government for the effort she made in the liberation of France.

[Separate article to follow. Ed]

# A petition to speed up VA acceptance for Vets



Volunteers of the St. Augustine Tea Party circulated petitions among Fourth of July celebrants. Scores of signatures were obtained, as shown in the photos to the left. One volunteer expressed disappointment in what appeared to be resistance, of some, to sign on. "It's hard to understand why people would resist signing a petition to speed up the process time for vets who need medical assistance. They deserve better," he continued. On display near the table where the petitions were being signed, were the signs that the Town Criers typically carry on St. George Street.

Photos by TCC Staff that Barack Obama is a Communist, was present on the site. [See <http://www.examiner.com/article/i-agree-obama-is-a-communist>] It was intentionally not displayed. It was there in case there was a lull and the Criers could make a tour on St. George Street. That lull never came. Even though the sign was stored under the table, people, particularly the millennium generation, would ask if they could photograph it, or be photographed with it. One young man asked, "Why are you hiding it?" A sampling of interest in the sign is shown in the pictures to the right.

The Criers report that "The Big Red Sign", which states



## The people are Frustrated and Angry

The Saint Augustine Tea Party's Help the Vets, Now petition addressed only one scandal. The truth is, there are many scandals and much corruption at all levels. "Today, the public was more concerned with expressing their contempt for the federal government and their displeasure with politicians of both parties than they are concerned with signing petitions that often go unanswered. Given the number of people present and the

acceptance of the Tea Party, we were surrounded by a mass of humanity,” a Tea Party spokesman said. “The public was much more interested in venting their anger than signing petitions. Patriots are just fed up!”

# Trolleys Stop Shipside

This Fourth of July, our message was at the center of attention with trolley cars stopping in front of the Dartmouth. Every scheduled trolley stops at the Castillo de San Marcos and therefore brought the public to our doorstep. Most of the riders, on the scores of Trolleys that passed by all day long, gave us the ‘thumbs up’.



Photos by TCC Staff

# Dartmouth surrounded





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The St. Augustine Tea Party’s Dartmouth was surrounded by tens of thousands of accepting and friendly people this Fourth of July. The great ship was used as a photo op for several thousand pictures. “Clearly, the St. Augustine Tea Party knows the secret to having a successful rally. It’s simple. You don’t invite people to a rally; you take the rally to the people. Due to the activities of our Town Crier Committee, our Tea Party ‘rallies’ with the public on a weekly basis on St. George Street. We are the most active Tea Party in the State of Florida these days,” a Tea Party member said.

“We have come a long way since our first Fourth of July celebration in 2011. In those days, we carried a Tea Party sign and a flag. We only came into contact with those we encountered as we passed among them. We carried no political signs, as our Republican handlers were terrified that we would embarrass them. The timid approach back then, is much the same as the Republican’s timid approach today. The GOP leadership in our Tea Party was voted out in September of 2011. At the Fourth of July 2011 fireworks, three Town Criers sat on the curb along the Bayfront and engaged only those in close proximity. The 2014 fireworks contrasted sharply with our beginning. An extended group of Tea Party members engaged a receptive public that surrounded them. Our Tea Party message and presence could not be ignored. The fireworks were enjoyed from premier seats aboard the Dartmouth,” a long-standing Tea Party member reminisced.

The Tea Party reports that of the tens of thousands who saw them, and the several thousands who engaged them, only four individuals rejected them. This aggressive, progressive elitist, pictured on the right, came face to face with the ‘Resistance’ when he ‘bad mouthed’ our signage.



This 4<sup>th</sup> of July was a long and exciting day. According to the volunteers interviewed, many worked the throng of celebrants in excess of eight hours. Those responsible for transporting and rigging the Dartmouth, worked 15 to 20 hours. “Though it was a long day, the success of the day made the effort well worthwhile. Hoorah!” was the final comment.

## July 8, 2014



### Saint Augustine Tea Party holds its annual meeting

Election of officers’ main order of business

The Saint Augustine Tea Party (SATP) held its annual meeting at the Village Inn, in St. Augustine, Florida, on July 8, 2014. The main order of business was the election of officers for the coming year. The Tea Party reported that the current slate of officers was reelected for an additional term. The results of the election are as follows:

Lance Thate, Chairman  
David Heimbold, Treasurer  
Yvonne Heikkinen, Secretary

Their current terms of office will expire on July 14, 2015.

## Tea Party holds its fundraising raffle drawing

The SATP conducted the raffle drawing for the MP 15 sport rifle on the same night. The winning ticket was number 059. The holder of the ticket is Ron Fournier of Jacksonville, Florida. The ticket was purchased at the gun show at the Prime Osborn Center.



July 12, 2014

# A very unique gun shop

## An institution in St. Johns County



Photos by TCC Staff

Located in rural St. Johns County on the Smith family farm near Hastings, Florida, is a most unique gun shop. Wayne Smith, pictured upper right, has been holding classes on Saturdays, 9 to 12 and 2 to 5 at 9700 Hastings Blvd., Hastings, Florida for many years. Instruction, advice, sales and service relating to firearms are the order of business. But over the years, it has become the scene of a wide variety of patrons from all walks of life, who often just hang out, to discuss events past and present. The Constitution is a frequent subject. Note the liberty sign, in the picture above. Below the sign are several 50 caliber rifles. The folks that hang out in this shop understand that the bottom line for the preservation of liberty is the Second Amendment. A 1000 yard firing

range is available to the shop's customers. Political conversation, particularly of the current circumstances, is always on the agenda. Historical connections spice up the conversation. Interesting insights regarding the "War between the States" are discussed. Interested in aircraft, flying, World War II? They're all fair game for discussion. From this reporter's observation it is conceivable that a progressive might feel uncomfortable in this environment. This shop is a bastion of conservative thought. Political correctness does not prevail here.

There are three generations of Smith's residing on their farm. The extended family, in an agricultural environment, was once the norm in America. In those days, the values of parents were passed on to their posterity with homeschooling or local schools which were responsive to the parents. When America was an agricultural-based society, values were instilled that made our country the greatest nation on the face of the earth. Those values appear to be alive and well in rural St. Johns County. "Perhaps it's time to send someone to the Board of County Commissioners who doesn't need the job and possesses the work ethic of rural America," a frequent patron said. Wayne Smith's son, Jeb Smith, is running for County Commissioner, District 2. He opposes incumbent, Ron Sanchez.

## July 14, 2014

### Special guest editorial



## ALL HANDS ON DECK

By Barbara Patterson

With a sweet little voice, came a bold committed statement to me, a former Navy Nurse, "You're wearing my white dress!" I thought to myself, "Yes, I am, but 21 years later, and for a different war!" I was stirred by the connection she revealed between us. We were decidedly sisters of wartime—givers of our hearts and lives to wounded warriors of two unique wars. I felt proud to meet 95 year old Mary and proud to be a part of a Standard bigger than my own, set to

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ensure the rights of mankind to enjoy Freedom, at all costs, even when it meant war!

Mary Basso Long joined us on the Fourth of July, this year, at "The Dartmouth," parked at the Castillo de San Marcos. ("The Dartmouth" is a replica of one of the Boston Tea Party Ships from which English tea was dumped into the Boston Harbor, in 1773. This new replica is a reminder of the current "Tea Party's" mission to

stand up for the rights of the American People, to question government “orders” (which border on tyranny) and to preserve the Principles set down by the Constitution. Mary and four other Veterans of four foreign wars were recognized on “The Dartmouth” for their exemplary service the USA, and other countries fighting for their Freedom.

Mary Long is a distinguished World War II Army Nurse Corps Veteran who recognized my white Nurse’s Uniform as one which she had worn, proudly, during the war. She spoke candidly about wartime in Europe — her duties in France, Germany, Austria and Italy. Tents were set up in each location of fighting, and the Army Nurses and Medical Staff followed the troops into battle. Her assignment, in the 58th Division of the Army Corps, was to care for the casualties with chest and belly wounds. She didn’t want to work in surgery and, consequently, spent most of her time on her knees. Since the guernies were low to the ground, she knelt over wounded bodies all the way through Europe, a hardship she spoke of several times!

Mary went through the war with four other Army Nurses, all comrades of the war. She chuckles about one very special Army Nurse Friend who always asked for Mary’s accompaniment to the common showers. Since, she had to undress in the shower; she wanted Mary’s promised protection from onlookers.

Mary Boss, 95 years old, spent one year in the European Corridor. She was scheduled to go to Japan, next, but this “duty” fell through. She returned home to her husband, an Air force Pilot during the war. Much to her chagrin, Mary Boss lost him to complications following surgery for an ulcer; she states, “They forgot to give blood to his liver during surgery and he never recovered. It was many years ago, now.” When asked if she ever wanted to marry again, she said, “Why would I? I loved my husband!”

We paid tribute to four Veterans on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, 2014, at Castillo de San Marcos, and to Mary, our oldest Veteran who is the recipient of French Legion of Honor! Other Veterans present included: Paul Hooker, Lance Tate, Yvonne’s husband and daughter, and Barbara Patterson. All offered their lives for their country, in the name of Freedom. They are worthy of honor, respect, and support by the USA.

The Tea Party will continue to endorse these inalienable rights to the Vets because of their service to this country. God bless the inherent connection of all Veterans who pledged their allegiance to our Flag, and their life to our Country; to insure Freedom to the people of the most beautiful land on earth, the USA!



Mary Long upper left, 1944  
Mary Long Photo



July 18, 2014

# Denver Cook has a Message: "Loosen Up!"

Imagine all the challenges of running for political office. Now, add this to the list: How about a fine for every yard sign put in the 'wrong' place? How about \$118.00 for the first offense, \$268 for the next misplaced sign, with a maximum penalty of \$500 and/or 60 days in jail! Welcome to St. Johns County, Florida.



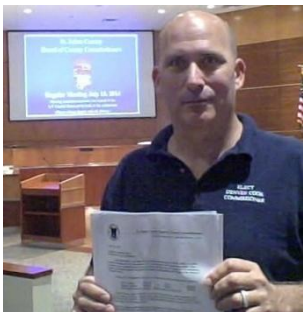
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No, that's not all. "Serious violations could result in required appearances before the Special Magistrate...could result in fines of up to \$5,000.00 per day...Fines are per day for as long as the violation exists. For the first violation, it's up to \$1,000.00 per day." Repeat violations, up to \$5000 **per day.**"

The State of Florida already limits Free Speech and authorizes the Counties of Florida to Enforce the Florida Building Code (FBC). The FBC also regulates 'Signs' and requires permits. The enforcement arm of St. Johns County is Article 7 of the St. Johns County Land Development Code. This 40 page document is a good example of how the 'government' 'continues to over-regulate commerce and your personal life.

An example in Article 7 is Part 7.04.00, Political Campaign Signs, C. Location, which reads "Political Campaign Signs shall be placed on private property only..." This is absolutely an assault on free speech, which is bad enough, since no speech is more sacred than political speech. Adding to this, recently, the County figured they would take it a few steps further. Apparently, the Commissioners didn't think the State's codes were tough enough. So, they added fines and jail time. It appears suspicious, to this reporter, that the Commissioners are further infringing on the exercise of Freedom of Speech, in St. Johns County, immediately preceding an election, by threatening new candidates about Political Campaign Signs.

"Running for public office is one of the greatest expressions of Free Speech to redress grievances. This ordinance could be enforced in an impartial manner and create an atmosphere of 'fear of jail time' over a misplaced sign and have a true financial cost for those running." said Candidate Cook concluding " Today I am urging the County Commission to take action on this ordinance so that it is at the State enforcement level". Candidate Cook wants the newest batch of fine and threats to be overturned, immediately.



The facts and quotes above were presented to the Board of County Commissioners on July 15, 2014, by Candidate Denver Cook. He was referring to a letter sent to him by a Code Enforcer on April 28, 2014; "This information is provided to all Candidates running for Political Office" is the opening sentence of the letter in the picture on left which lists the fines and threat of jail time for misplaced political yard signs. This edict was signed by James L. Acosta, Supervisor, Code Enforcement Program, St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners, Growth Management/Code Enforcement Division.

On Tuesday, July 15, 2014, Candidate Denver Cook, District 4, addressed the Commissioners and pointed out the difference in tone and substance of the State position on political signage and that of St. Johns County. "The State of Florida took a very different path whereby signs will be removed and taken to the nearest yard where "every effort to place a courtesy call to your campaign office and advising of sign removal and the location of the maintenance yard where the signs have been stored, because we know your signage is expensive." Compare this to St. Johns County's threat of heavy fines and jail time for a misplaced sign.

There was absolutely no response to Candidate Cook's statement from the Board. They sat there in silence.

"Obviously, the Commissioners are either restricting free speech for their own political interests or they approved of this insane, gargantuan over-reach of punitive power by abdicating their responsibility of protecting the "Rights of the People" in favor of protecting Mr. Wanchick and the other bureaucrats by deferring to them. It appears that those who have power intend to keep it at the expense of the First Amendment. Mr. Denver Cook will be a formidable Candidate. He is a number cruncher. He could easily replace Mr. Wanchick and do the job of Commissioner of the 4<sup>th</sup> District, as well. As for Mr. Acosta, he should resign in shame," Tea Party members present said.

**July 19, 2014**

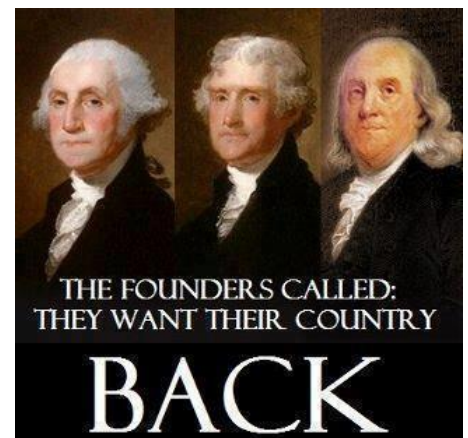
**Guest Editorial**

## **It's Not About Hobby Lobby and Contraception**

By Jerry Cameron

The Hobby Lobby decision by the Supreme Court proved to be a flash point for many with a left leaning viewpoint, it was painfully obvious, from letters to the editor and internet comments, there was a much larger issue than whether or not Hobby Lobby's employees were able to obtain the full range of contraceptives available on the market today under their company benefit plan.

For the most part, the discussion was being held on a very surficial level. The real issue at hand was the fundamental principles of Americanism. What do I mean by "fundamental principles?" I mean the philosophical principles on which the foundations of this nation were laid, the bedrock upon which everything that followed rested. America was the first country to be founded on the idea that individuals, by the act of being created, were entitled to certain basic rights. The operative word here is "basic." These rights did not come from any government, king, or any other human being. In other words, every human being is created equal in the sense they have the



same basic rights, and cannot be legitimately deprived of them (except by forfeit) by any other person or group of persons.

This was not a new concept. For centuries the idea had its roots deeply planted in philosophical and religious discussions arising from "The Great Conversation of Western Civilization." The immediate antecedent to the American ideal is to be found in the works of the "Enlightenment" by such authors as John Lock, David Hume, and Algernon Sidney. The exploration of "natural rights" and limited government by these great scholars provided the mold in which the very idea of America was cast. The polemic of the Enlightenment was built on the foundations of Greek and Roman philosophers and religious scholars out of the Judo Christian tradition, who are too numerous to mention in the space allotted.

What exactly are these "basic" rights and where are they to be found in our founding documents? Many would say our Constitution, but they would be wrong. While the Constitution provides the framework of our Federal Government and provides protections against tyranny, it does not provide the philosophical principles, which support the foundations of our country. One must go back to the Declaration of Independence to see these sacred rights laid out in plain language. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph of the Declaration this phrase can be found; " - - are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights; among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." That is it in a nutshell, the foundation of America. Let's take a quick look at what these three enumerated rights represent. A basic right is like a contract against the world, which if you don't violate its terms, must legitimately be respected by every other person in the world. You cannot legitimately be separated from these rights by any other person or group of people; only you can forfeit them. Your life is your exclusive property. You may live it and do what is necessary to sustain it, so long as you do not, by force or fraud, interfere with anyone else's right to do the same. Your liberty is your guarantee of freedom to do as you wish, so long as you do not, by force or fraud, interfere with anyone else's right to do the same. Your pursuit of happiness is the guarantee of freedom to engage in those activities that add meaning and richness to your existence. This would include, but not be limited to; freedom to engage in religious activity of your choosing, freedom to engage in the vocation or profession of your choice and to reap the benefits of your labor, freedom to engage in the arts and to create, the freedom to speak you mind without fear of reprisal, and the right to acquire and quietly enjoy property, so long as you do so by peaceful means and respect the rights and property of others. Basic rights inherently attach to every individual, not to select groups of individuals. When a man made (read government) right conflicts with a basic right, then the man made right can only be exercised by using government force against another individual or class of individuals. This violates the very concept of basic rights.

These core rights are the essential foundation of all that has come since our founding. And what has been the result? Consider this: When Thomas Jefferson penned those immortal words in the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph of the Declaration of Independence, we essentially obtained our food, heated and lighted our homes, traveled by land and sea, practiced medicine, and clothed ourselves the same way we had for the preceding 5,000 years. The steam engine had yet to make its appearance, there were no electric lights or motors, the internal combustion engine had not been invented, immunization would be a century away, and antibiotics nearly two centuries. There were no telephones, radios, or televisions, and communications took days, weeks, and sometimes months to reach their destinations.

In the 238 years since the Declaration of Independence, all of those things have come to pass. We have gone to the moon, have medical miracles extending life and enhancing its quality, we travel at near the speed of sound, there are cell phones and iPods, and we enjoy leisure and quality of life as never imagined in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. A government designed to insure the liberty of its citizens and to protect their basic rights unleashed a torrent of human creativity! When men and women were free to engage in their own pursuits and to reap the rewards of their hard work and creativity, they produced and exploited the frontiers of science and ingenuity as never before. They weren't working for a king, a warlord, or a dictator; they were working for themselves! Freedom, individual freedom, catapulted America from an agrarian society to the moon in two centuries, a 5,000 year leap.

In the 18<sup>th</sup> century we drew the blueprint for a society that would become the marvel of the modern world. In the 20<sup>th</sup> century we began to chip away at the foundations that marvel. Through convoluted interpretations by our courts, and usurpations of authority not granted to our elected officials, we slowly began to undermine the very principle that made us great. We talked a lot about rights granted to us by our government, but failed to recognize how those "government granted" rights were in contradiction to the basic rights granted by our creator. A famous philosophical scholar once said, "When you encounter a contradiction, check your premise." Do we resolve these contradictions in favor of rights granted by other men (the government), or do we resolve them in favor of the inherent basic rights granted by our creator? The pages of history are littered with the ruins of societies built on trust in men.

The calamity facing our nation is heightened by the fact that we now have several generations who have not been schooled in the founding principles of our nation. They no longer possess the intellectual tools to recognize when some faddish movement collides with bedrock foundational principles in a way that jeopardizes the very freedom they enjoy. If you are not even aware of a clash in values, how can you be expected to resolve an issue in favor of a time-tested principle?

Enter the Hobby Lobby debate. The US Supreme Court ruled, in a close decision, that Hobby Lobby had a right to refuse to provide their employees certain contraceptives as a benefit under the company's health insurance policy due to religious conviction. This evoked an outcry from a broad section of society (most of who were not employed by Hobby Lobby) against the company's policy and the decision. The general flow of the debate was that these female employees had a right to all contraceptives at no cost to themselves. The opposing views were generally of a nature of, did these contraceptives terminate a pregnancy, or should all policies cover contraceptives? Even the Supreme Court did not get to the fundamental issue; they argued on the basis of religious conviction.

This is a case that should easily have been resolved on the basis of fundamental American Principle, "Man is, and of right ought to be free." If Hobby Lobby or anyone else starts a business and offers products or services to customers, and jobs to employees, they should not be interfered with so long as customers willingly buy their product, and employees willingly accept the jobs on the terms agreed to by both parties; Hobby Lobby should be free to act as it chooses so long as it does not initiate force or fraud against any other party. Potential customers are free to refuse to purchase from anyone who does not conduct their business in the way the potential customer would like. Potential employees are free to refuse to work for anyone who does not provide wages, benefits, and working conditions suitable to them. Under this scenario everyone's basic

rights are protected. You can express your disapproval of any company's policies by refusing to work or shop there, but it is not the government's place to enforce certain segment's preferences at the expense of another.

In the case in question, Hobby Lobby is still being required to provide health insurance or incur substantial penalties. This cannot be reconciled with basic American foundational principles. Remember, under our founding principles, Hobby Lobby is entitled to pursue happiness (start and operate a business) so long as they do not initiate violence or fraud against anyone else, and leave others to pursue their happiness. When the government that is charged with protecting those rights uses its power to force Hobby Lobby to give to another party that which it does not wish to give, then the government has forfeited its legitimacy. The key point to understand is that if you support government or anyone else using illegitimate force against another party, you have just empowered it to take like actions against you in ways you probably have not thought about. So you see, it is not about Hobby Lobby and contraceptives; it is about the fundamental principles of American freedom.

The well thought out principles of 1776 has made the citizens of this country the most fortunate in the entire world. I fear we are about to trade our birthright for a bowl of porridge.

July 20, 2014

## SATP attends Local Gun Show



The Saint Augustine Tea Party reported that it attended the St. Augustine Gun Show. The two day event was held on July 19 and 20<sup>th</sup> at the St. Augustine National Guard Armory. The Tea Party maintained a booth at the show, so it could engage local residents as to what they think regarding the current political issues. The Tea Party, through its Town Crier Committee, engages visitors in the historic district on a regular basis. [See <http://www.examiner.com/review/a-look-at-town-crier-s-history>]

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Large numbers of local residents expressed contempt for the Obama administration, demanding impeachment. They were equally contemptuous with the Congress for failure to take action. Tea Party members on duty report that they frequently heard, "We must take the Senate back in November." But when questioned further, this did not necessarily translate into Republican victories. In fact, it translated into "We the People" must take the Senate. The progressive leadership of both parties continues to fail to recognize that the Tea Party movement is alive in the people.

The people distrust State government and expressed concern about the corruption in local government. When asked about First Amendment attacks by the County Commissioners, they were deeply concerned. The number one issue on their minds, however, is the crisis at the southern border. Time and again, the public demanded that the border be secured. Is anyone in Washington listening?

July 21, 2014

## Derek Hankerson State Senate Candidate Opens Putnam County Headquarters

Melrose, Florida — July 21, 2014 Derek Hankerson, Republican State Senate candidate for District 6 announced today the public grand opening of his Western Putnam County operations headquarters. The headquarters will be open to supporters from Noon – 9:00pm on Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>.

The address to the headquarters is 854 North State Road 21, Suite C, Melrose, Florida 32666. The office is across the street from the Melrose United States Post Office on State Road 21. Caribbean Food will be available from a food truck by Ram Nandlal and other restaurants are in the area.

Hankerson is the two term serving chairman of the Putnam County Tea Party, and he also served as the Field Representative for Americans for Prosperity (AFP) during the 2012 Presidential Election where he represented all of Putnam, Clay, St. Johns, and Duval County. He did assist the AFP Representatives in Flagler and Volusia County.

When asked why he was opening a headquarters in rural western Putnam County Hankerson commented “my family is very rural and in fact my parents are from farming families in Tennessee and Florida and so I am not that far removed from rural America.” He went on to say “I remember where I am from and it is very rural. More importantly rural folks are kind and genuine and can read you like a book.”

### Guest Editorial: **The Battle for the Mayor and Commission Seats**

By Peter Royal



Photo by Peter Royal

Well, sure enough Tuesday July 15th we had a show-down of 6 candidates. There were 3 wanting to be Mayor of St Augustine and 3 wanting to be a City Commissioner. They gathered at the Gilmore Center with about 400 citizens that came to hear a lively debate.

OOPS! There were 6 pre-selected questions and a moderator, Council President Rhey Palmer. He got to tell the candidates who goes first. Each one had a 2 minute time limit. There was NO chance for audience participation. There was no rebuttal or cross conversation between candidates allowed.

Ex-mayor GEORGE GARDNER CALLED IT WELL ORCHESTRATED. I felt bad that I left my dog and my pony at home I think they might have won.

The Candidates: Joe Boles, Nancy Shaver, Ken Bryan, Todd Neville, Jon Valdes, and Ron Berben.

The Questions;

1. Why do you want to be Mayor.....
- 2.What kind of legacy would you like to leave behind .....
3. What is the largest problem you see for the next few years .....
4. How would you raise more money .....
5. How do you feel about Ethics in office .....
6. What is the most important thing for you to do .....

The Answers ;

#1 .. They all want to do good for St Augustine.

#2 .. A better more prosperous St Augustine

#3 .. Some said parking, some said street conditions , and some said traffic

#4 .. All of the candidates thought that the TOURISTS WERE IDIOTS and we could just raise fees to them and they would keep coming with more money for us in the form of taxes and fees. not one suggested a way we could make the tourist experience better for them. Some wanted to get Flagler College to pay more, and again nothing in return to benefit Flagler College. Most of the candidates want to put satellite parking lots outside downtown and have the two trolley companies bring the people into down town . This is a plan has proven not to work in the past but WILL make some people very wealthy.

#5 .. I am happy to announce all the participants claim to have HIGH ETHICS Some thought theirs might be the highest

#6 .. GET ELECTED

Questions ... NOT ASKED NOR ANSWERED

1... HOW DO WE LOWER TAXES?

2... HOW DO WE SPEED UP STREET AND SEWER WORK DOWN TOWN SO THE MERCHANTS CAN GET BACK TO MAKING MONEY FOR THEMSELVES AND THE CITY?

3... WHY NOT BUILD A PARKING GARAGE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF DOWNTOWN OR LINCOLNVILLE?

We know a parking garage gathers people which will attract new business creating economic growth. It will also take cars off the street that are looking for parking spaces. Is the reason the same thinking that kept King Street from connecting to Interstate 95, or stopped the City from putting new water lines and sewer service to the West King Community? The status quo is great if that is your goal. St Augustine is our town. Let's make it something we can be proud of!

July 26, 2014

# The Left's Divide and Conquer policy Failing



Today, the Saint Augustine Tea Party's

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Town Crier committee returned to the streets in the historic district of St. Augustine, Florida to assess public opinion. [See "A look at Town Crier's history" August 26, 2013 at <http://www.examiner.com/review/a-look-at-town-crier-s-history> Ed] "A picture is worth 1000 words," a Town Crier remarked, "and in one snapshot the

left's lies are exposed." The Marxist claim that Women, Blacks and Hispanics are victims of greedy middle-class capitalist values is not what the people believe, according to what was observed today. People from all walks of life expressed their contempt for the politicians and the world they make in Washington.



## Tea Party gathers new support despite the Media's attack

The very groups that progressives claim as their own have been turning to the Tea Party movement in 2014. [See Millennium Generation Choosing Liberty <http://www.examiner.com/article/millennium-generation-choosing-liberty> Ed]

"Young people, and in particular, young women who have been educated in government schools are beginning, in ever larger numbers, to understand the nature of the progressive movement. They are now turning to the Tea Party values. At every outing, the Town Criers are engaged by many black people who are supportive. This trend is growing but, with the black community, it is one black person at a time," a Tea Party member said. "Hispanics, on the other hand, are largely supportive of what the Town Criers are doing. The idea that you can buy their votes with amnesty is simply not true. The progressive Republican leadership has its own agenda regarding amnesty. Many Hispanics have lived under Communism and thoroughly understand the revolution that is taking place with Obama and the Washington establishment. They have seen the same Marxist revolution in their country of origin. Many came to this country to escape Communism. They are distressed with Americans who do not see the danger ahead."



# Public waking up to Washington's Tyranny

## There is Fear across the Land

The public is waking up to the nature of Washington's abuse of power. Many converts to the Tea Party movement are occurring. The Town Criers witness this phenomenon on a regular basis. This is in spite of the fact that the establishment media, including Fox News, ignores the movement. "Fox News, apparently, is content to 'carry the water' for the GOP progressive leadership. They have for some time now, been marginalizing the Tea Party as 'past its prime and declining in influence.' Nothing could be further from the truth," David Heimbold, SATP Media Chairman stated. Continuing, "There was a time when the Republican Party thought it could control the Tea Party. The GOP learned that the Tea Party Movement is too big to control". Years ago Glenn Beck, radio and TV host, once declared, "We surround them". Beck was referring to the Liberty Movement made up of conservatives and libertarians. The people that the Town Criers have been engaging for the past three years understand that bad times are upon us but, the worst is yet to come. Will the public resist the Marxist onslaught of the minority? The concept of individual liberty is at stake.

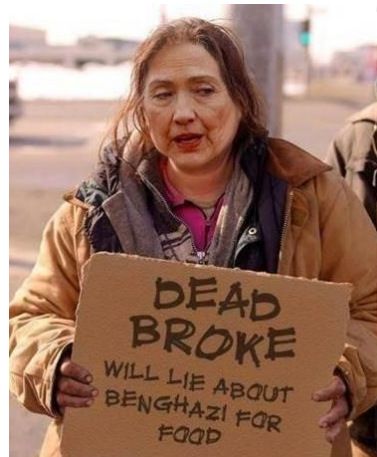
## Will the people resist?

"Will the people resist, stand up and defend American Liberty? The answer is up for grabs," a Town Crier spokesman said. The first encounter of the Town Criers today, was a young man who enthusiastically embraced the signs and Tea Party presence. "I support you in every way," the young man said. Yet when asked to pose for a Facebook photo, he declined saying, "I can't do that as it might damage my career."

And then there was the career military retiree, now serving as a law enforcement officer in Texas, who supported the Tea Party activities, but expressed fear of participating. Why? Because he feared retaliation by Obama's Gestapo styled IRS.

"These are real fears. Our forefathers faced many fears, yet pledged all. What about you?" The Town Criers ask.

## Hillary for Prison



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