GOA’s Top Ten in 2014

1. The No-Compromise Group on Capitol Hill

“GOA [has] proven itself as a uniquely effective ‘no-compromise’ national leader in the gun rights advocacy community.”
— The Examiner, December 11, 2014

“I’m proud of the work of Gun Owners of America, because we [need] NO COMPROMISE pro-gun groups in Washington.”
— Milwaukee County Sheriff David Clarke

2. Leader in Pushing Constitutional Carry

GOA was the ONLY organization in 2014 pushing truly pro-gun reciprocity in Congress. The Stutzman bill respects the rights of concealed carriers from Constitutional Carry states like Vermont or Arizona, enabling gun owners in those states to carry firearms out-of-state without a permit.

“I applaud GOA for pushing constitutional carry in the states and concealed carry reciprocity around the country.”
— Rep. Martin Stutzman (R-IN)

3. Holding Anti-Gunners Accountable

“Gun Owners of America will run an ad against you or billboard against you and say you’re trying to take their guns away.”
— Former President Bill Clinton, June 2014

4. Defending the Real Purpose of the 2nd Amendment

New York Democrat Rep. Carolyn Maloney called for the Capitol Hill police to investigate GOA’s Larry Pratt for saying that the Second Amendment is for “restraining tyrants.” In response, thousands of gun owners went to GOA’s Facebook page and, invoking the epic “I’m Spartacus” line, said “I’m Larry Pratt!”

5. Encouraging Sheriff to Resist Tyranny

GOA Executive Director Larry Pratt spoke to a gathering of the nation’s sheriffs last year and encouraged them to take a stand against federal gun control laws.

AS SHERIFF, I WILL NOT ALLOW THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO COME IN HERE AND STRIP MY CITIZENS OF THE RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS.
— Sheriff Mike Lewis, Wicomico County, Maryland
Leaving MSNBC Hosts Tongue-Tied

Larry Pratt went into the lion’s den to debate gun rights and concealed carry — and left the MSNBC host floundering.

On GOA’s Facebook page, gun owners were ecstatic, posting comments like: “Gotta love when Larry leaves the anti’s speechless” and “Larry made that host look like an idiot” and “Larry for President!”

Under Fire From the Anti-Gun Left

Gun Owners of America came under relentless attacks from the media ... from Congressmen ... and from Michael Bloomberg in 2014. Churchill would say that’s a good thing!!!

Achieving Victory on Several Fronts

In addition to winning three Supreme Court cases (see The Gun Owners, December 19, 2014), GOA forced the ATF to stop illegally registering long guns throughout the country and successfully worked to “defund” the President’s ability to unilaterally implement the UN gun control treaty.

Moreover, GOA and its members successfully encouraged New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie to pressure a local prosecutor to drop charges against Shaneen Allen (top), a Philadelphia nurse who had been arrested for having a gun in her car in New Jersey.

Working to Elect a Pro-Gun Congress

Harry Reid, who served as Senate Majority Leader for eight years, was frustrated when GOA helped torpedo the President’s entire gun control agenda in 2013.

Not only that, GOA worked hard to elect a pro-gun Congress in November. To that end, GOA was the ONLY national gun group working to successfully kill the “Harry Reid Preservation Act” in 2014 — a bill designed to make many anti-gun Democrats appear pro-gun right before the midterm elections.

Pushing to Nullify Gun Control in the States

Idaho Gov. Butch Otter (right) signed a GOA-supported bill which prohibits the enforcement of federal gun control laws within the state. GOA’s Erich Pratt praised the new law, saying, “Idaho has joined an elite class of states that are telling the feds to ‘get lost’ — especially when it comes to unconstitutional gun control infringements.”