

# GOA's Top Ten in 2018



*See what your Support and Activism accomplished!*



## 1. Rejecting Gun Control After Mass Shootings

After the tragic Parkland shooting, many on the Right “caved” to support gun control, but not GOA. As a response, GOA called for an end to gun-free zones and for the elimination of legal barriers to carrying a firearm. Pictured here is GOA's Erich Pratt (right) debating CNN's Richard Quest in a “rematch” interview. One viewer said as a response to the interview, “[Erich] took this fool to fact school! Nice job GOA, that's why I now have a membership!”

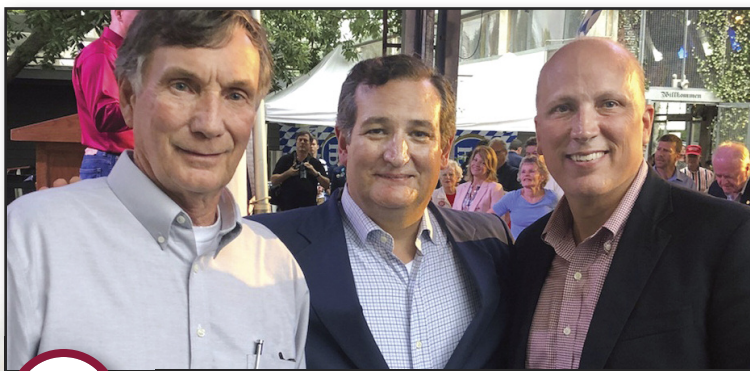
## 2. GOA Staffer Wins Grassroots Activist Awards

GOA's Texas State Director, Rachel Malone, has an extensive background in grassroots activism and is using those skills to protect the right to keep and bear arms in Texas. Rachel has already won tough battles, such as defeating proposals for red flag laws and overturning unlawful gun-free zones. She was recognized for her efforts by receiving multiple awards such as the “Grassroots Activist of the Year” and “Champion of Freedom” from national conservative organizations. Rachel is also a firearm instructor and enjoys the occasional “run-n-gun.”



## 3. Going Viral and Exposing Anti-Gunners

GOA took to the streets at the anti-gun “March for Our Lives” demonstration in Washington, DC. GOA interviewed many protestors and revealed that they foolishly did not know what they were protesting for. The video took off in popularity, with almost 3 million views. Alternatively, GOA representatives also spoke at various pro-gun rallies and events across the country, including Idaho, Alabama, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Pennsylvania and more. Pictured here is a GOA interviewer Brittany Gesin (left) and a protestor at the March for Our Lives.



## 4. Sending Constitutional Candidates to Congress

GOA released a hard-hitting Congressional Scorecard and slate of endorsements ahead of the 2018 midterm elections. The Scorecard didn't sugarcoat anyone's record, giving gun owners a valuable resource when going to the polls. Pictured here, from left-to-right, is GOA's Tim Macy with two pro-gun legislators from Texas — Senator Ted Cruz and Rep-elect Chip Roy.

## GOA Recognizing True 2A Champions!

GOA recognized individuals that went above and beyond in defending the Second Amendment, such as Mark Robinson of Greensboro, North Carolina. Mark gave a passionate, impromptu pro-gun speech at city council meeting that went viral. GOA interviewed Mark about his speech and presented him with an honorary life membership for his efforts. Another 2A champion would be Greg Pruett, who runs the “2nd Amendment Activist” channel on YouTube and other platforms. Greg exemplifies “confrontational politics,” keeping elected officials accountable in his work to defend the right to keep and bear arms.





## 5. Outreaching to the Firearms Community

GOA is proud to work with influencers in the firearms community such as the Military Arms Channel, IraqVeteran8888 and many others. Not only are they patriots for the Second Amendment, they provide valuable content on firearms and firearm accessories. Pictured here is GOA's Erich Pratt (left) with Eric of the IraqVeteran8888 channel at his range day in Georgia.



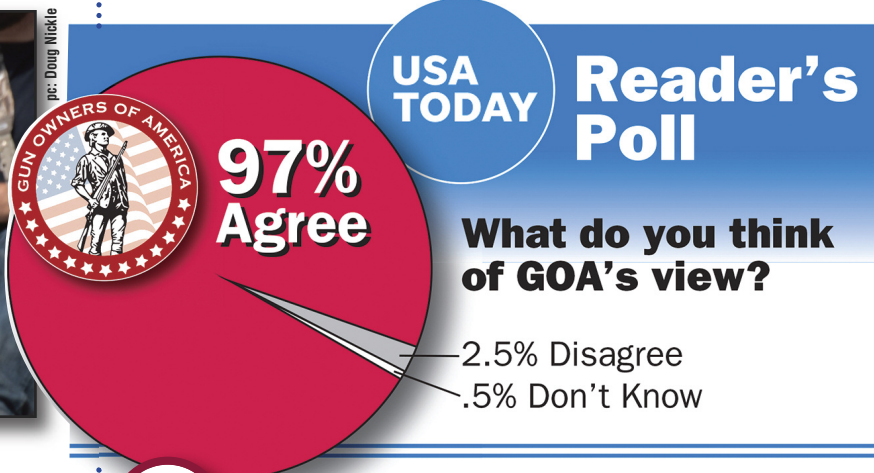
## 8. Challenging Gun Control Before the Supreme Court

GOA has submitted an *amicus* brief before the Supreme Court in *NYSRP v. NY City*. In the brief, GOA argues that the clear text of the Second Amendment should guide our nation's judges, and that they cannot impose their own revisionist view of our rights. While this case pertains to the Big Apple, a victory will have positive consequences around the country. Pictured here is GOA's Erich Pratt speaking on gun rights cases on the steps of the Supreme Court in June.



## 6. Defeating Gun Confiscation Orders

GOA took strong action to snuff out Gun Confiscation Orders (GCOs) around the country this year. These bills, also known as "red flag" laws, allow for gun confiscation without Due Process or without a conviction of wrongdoing. From penning *USA Today* articles ... to posting online videos and interviews in opposition to GCOs ... to rallying the grassroots across the country, GOA members were able to stall or defeat these bills in at least a dozen states. Pictured here is Erich Pratt speaking against GCO's in Idaho.



## 9. Defending "Shall not be Infringed"

GOA opposes every gun control law on the books — including background checks such as the National Instant Check System (NICS). GOA's Erich Pratt penned an article in *USA Today's* "Opposing View" column, exposing the flaws in NICS and demonstrating why it should be repealed. Readers can view Pratt's article, which was supported by 97 percent of *USA Today's* readers, at: [www.gunowners.me/bradychecksfail](http://www.gunowners.me/bradychecksfail).



## 7. Educating the Future on the Second Amendment

GOA representatives spoke to many college campuses and high schools around the country this year, educating students on their Second Amendment rights. Professors often exclude or even distort the Second Amendment in their courses, so it's vital that millennials are taught the founding principles enshrined in the Constitution. GOA spokesmen visited campuses in Florida, Ohio, North Carolina, Texas, and more — sometimes being met with protest. Pictured here is GOA's Jordan Stein speaking at Liberty University at an event hosted by Students at Liberty for Gun Rights.



"It's because of the passionate and vocal members of GOA that our lobby team is so respected — and even feared — in the halls of Congress. In fact, many congressional offices have expressed how 'loud' GOA members are."

— John Velleco  
Director of Operations

## 10. THE No Compromise Gun Lobby

For over 43 years, GOA and its members have defended the Second Amendment without compromise. And this unwavering approach has been noticed on Capitol Hill and by the media. As stated by the liberal *Daily Beast* this year: "In the days after [the Florida school shooting] the group Gun Owners of America did what it often does ... it refused to give an inch." (March 1, 2018)