



TOP 10 GOA WINS FOR 2024

Another year has passed, and we've upheld our commitment to protect and defend the Second Amendment with these wins for 2024. See what your support and activism have accomplished!

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Supreme Court Strikes Down ATF Gun Control



GOA's Erich Pratt and Sam Paredes meet with Michael Cargill (center), who is the chief plaintiff and victor in this year's bump stock case.

In a historic ruling, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down an anti-gun ATF regulation banning bump stocks. The case, *Garland v. Cargill*, is named after Michael Cargill, the Texas gun store owner who brought the legal action. Cargill said he was thrilled with GOA's amicus filing in this case, as our friend-of-the-court brief was very hard-hitting. So much so, it forced Biden's Solicitor General to specifically address our arguments in a losing attempt to salvage the Biden administration's case.

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GOA Secures Injunction Against ATF Registering GOA Members



GOA secured a preliminary injunction against the ATF, which prevents them from running Instant Background Registration Checks on private firearms transactions conducted by GOA members. The injunction also protects residents of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Utah and members of the Virginia Citizens Defense League and the Tennessee Firearms Association.

Currently, 25 states are supporting GOA's legal challenge against the Biden administration, which issued the so-called "Engaged in the Business" ruling—so named because it requires most gun owners to become gun dealers prior to selling firearms from their private collections. A final decision is expected in 2025.

GOA Blocks ATF Overreach, Protecting Gun Owners Across Multiple States

3 **Repeal of the Veterans Gun Ban**

Veterans Day in 2024 marked the first time since the days of the Clinton Administration that veterans did not have to fear being disarmed by anti-gun bureaucrats. To date, more than 250,000 veterans have been denied their Second Amendment rights, simply because they were assigned a financial advisor. Gun Owners of America was proud to work with veterans groups and our allies in the House to pass monumental language that stops the Veterans Administration from sending names to the FBI NICS system. **This was a huge win for veteran gun owners!**



GOA Director of Federal Affairs Aidan Johnston speaks at a press conference with several congressmen in support of repealing 2A infringements.

4 **Fighting for 2A Rights from Coast to Coast**



From left to right: GOA's PA director Val Finnell, Sen. Doug Mastriano, GOA's Stephen Willeford

GOA was very active in the states this year. West coast highlights include GOA's legal team working to strike down bans on concealed carry in California and New Mexico. In the east, GOA assisted efforts to defeat so-called assault weapons bans and waiting periods in Virginia. To the north, the GOA team lobbied to defeat or stall multiple gun control proposals in the Pennsylvania legislature, and then exposed the Governor's efforts to slip gun control into the budget. GOA blew the whistle on this sneak attack and successfully lobbied to get the firearms restrictions removed. The victory led Senator Doug Mastriano to thank GOA Pennsylvania director Val Finnell saying,

"We can't do this without you and GOA."

5 Historic ATF Budget Cut

In a historic victory, Gun Owners of America worked with House leaders to cut over \$120 million from the ATF's budget this year and forced the agency to speed up their approval of eForms for suppressors. This is the largest ever cut in ATF history and was done during the most anti-gun Presidential administration ever! This win marks a major turning point in the fight against the ATF, by proving there is no risk in cutting funding from this pseudo-law enforcement agency.



ANTONIA OKAFOR COVER
Gun Owners of America

When GOA's Antonia Okafor Cover urged a House subcommittee to "Abolish the ATF," it signaled that GOA would only view a budget cut of \$120 million as a good first step.

7 Inaugural GOA Nationwide Convention



GOA's first annual convention—the Gun Owners Advocacy and Leadership Summit (GOALS)—was none other than an impressive display of the firearms industry, pro-2A advocacy, and GOA's incredible membership. There were 120,000+ sq. ft. of guns and gear, over 75 speakers and workshops, and two dedicated kids areas. Altogether, this made the first annual event a smashing success. We were honored to host over 5,000 GOA members on site and more than 500,000 people streaming the event online.

We can't wait to see GOA members at next year's GOALS!

9 GOA Launches Inaugural National Women's Range Day

GOA continued its tradition of providing firearms and activism training opportunities for women in 2024. This year, we organized events nationwide and celebrated a major milestone by hosting our inaugural Women's Range Day in Texas, coinciding with International Women's Day. Over 300 attendees and 50 pro-gun female content creators came together in Dallas, for a memorable day of firearms training, concealed carry education, activism workshops, and—of course—fun. In this first year, we reached venue capacity, a testament to the demand and enthusiasm for this event. We're already planning for an even bigger and better Women's Range Day in 2025! This year, and every year, GOA remains steadfast in its commitment to EMPOWERING women with the knowledge and tools to protect and defend themselves.



6 Constitutional Carry in Two More States



GOA Louisiana director Joshua Barnhill (left) with Sen. Blake Miguez, the sponsor of the GOA-backed Constitutional Carry bill in Louisiana.

In 2024, two new states joined the Constitutional Carry Club by removing permit requirements for carrying a concealed firearm. Louisiana struck first when Gov. Jeff Landry signed the GOA-backed Constitutional Carry bill, making it one of the strongest laws in the nation. Then two days later, South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster signed their permitless carry bill into law. While the latter version is not perfect, it's a good first step in the right direction and brings the total number of permitless carry states to 29.

8 Sweeping Pro-gun Victories on Election Day



Gun Owners of America helped nearly 200 GOA-endorsed candidates win election to either their respective state legislature or Congress. One of our biggest priorities was flipping the U.S. Senate

and taking the gavel out of the hands of anti-gun Senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY). Key races involved reelecting Senator Ted Cruz (R) in Texas and defeating 2A compromiser Jon Tester (D) in Montana. At the presidential level, GOA coordinated a massive, 675,000 text message campaign in partnership with Hunter Nation to mobilize hunters and gun owners, thus helping to defeat Kamala Harris. GOA mobilized thousands of pro-gun voters in Pennsylvania, Arizona, and Wisconsin in this campaign.

Pictured above: Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton (right) with Wes Virdell, former GOA Texas director, who got elected to the Texas House in November.

10 GOA Legal Team Beats NYC into Submission



GOA has filed an impressive 24 amicus curiae (friend of the court) briefs in 2024 alone in cases ranging from supporting challenges to so-called "assault weapons" bans and Gun-Free Zones to opposing the legal attack by the Mexican government against U.S. gun maker Smith & Wesson. And as 2024 came to a close, we were actively engaged in more than two dozen lawsuits in 12 states and in federal courts protecting gun rights. And in a case where GOA is defending Newsmax host Carl Higbie (pictured on the right with Newsmax's Chris Salcedo and GOA's Erich Pratt), we recently forced New York City to change their rules, allowing out-of-state residents (like Higbie) to apply for concealed carry permits after we sued NY state.

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