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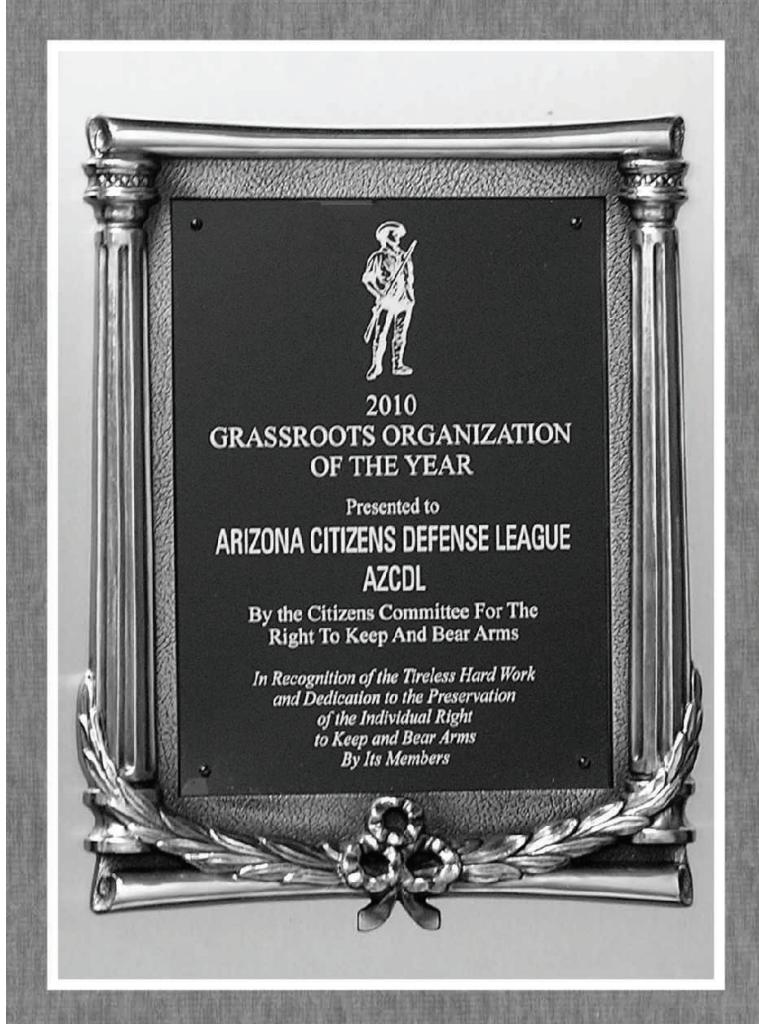
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## AzCDL Awarded—Again!



At the September 2010 Gun Rights Policy Conference (GRPC) in San Francisco, sponsored by the Citizens Committee For The Right To Keep And Bear Arms (CCRKBA), AzCDL was recognized as the “Grassroots Organization Of The Year.” The plaque reads “In recognition of the tireless hard work and dedication to the preservations of the Individual Right to Keep and Bear Arms by its Members.”

**YOU earned this award—Be Proud!**



The 2010 “Grassroots Organization Of The Year” is the latest in a series of GRPC awards that AzCDL has received. In 2008 we were awarded “Grass Roots Activist of the Year,” and in 2006, just one year after we formed, AzCDL earned it’s first “Grassroots Organization of the Year” award.



## 2010 Annual Members Meeting



The fifth annual Arizona Citizens Defense League annual meeting of members, held on October 2, 2010, was a huge success!



Over 400 openly armed citizens gathered at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Phoenix to celebrate the legislative victories of 2010. AzCDL requests that attendees practice "tasteful open carry" at our events, in order to remind the public of our "freedom to carry" in Arizona.

Speakers this year included:

- John Kavanagh, Arizona Representative in District 8.
- Bill Montgomery, Maricopa County Attorney.
- Congressman-elect (CD-5) David Schweikert, former Treasurer for Maricopa County.
- Elizabeth Lee Vliet, M.D., AzCDL Life Member and independent physician practicing in Tucson.



(Dr. Vliet discusses Arizona Prop 106)

The Cartridge Family Band, led by author Alan Korwin, provided entertainment. They performed their signature "She Wore a Glock 17," and "ACLU," among others, parodying various anti-freedom ideologies.



A lifetime achievement award was presented to Senator Chuck Gray for his tireless support and sponsorship of AzCDL requested legislation that started even before we had officially formed. In 2005, then "Representative" Gray sponsored the first significant change to Arizona's concealed weapons laws since they became effective in 1994.

Door prizes this year included three Ruger LCP pistols. Drawings were also held for AzCDL raffles of two Kimber 1911 Gold Match II pistols and two custom AR-15 rifles.



(Duke announces a winning ticket)

Next year's annual meeting will be held in Tucson. Mark your calendars!

Special thanks go to AzCDL Life Member John Lin for volunteering to take pictures of this year's meeting. Great work John!



## Winning Raffle Tickets Drawn!



At our October 2nd Annual Meeting, in front of a crowd of over 400 attendees, winning raffle tickets were drawn for our four firearms raffles—two Kimber 1911 pistols and two custom AR-15 rifles.

Each Kimber 1911 is a Gold Match II in .45 ACP caliber, with a stainless steel frame and slide, 5" match barrel, ambidextrous thumb safeties, and custom stocks.

Each custom built AR-15 is in .223 caliber, with an American Spirit flat top receiver, flip up iron sights, chrome lined barrel, adjustable stock, and picatinny

rail forearm with forward grip.



Only 225 tickets were sold for each firearm.

All winners have been notified. The winning ticket numbers are:

- #266—Kimber 1911 (Tony P.)
- #468—Kimber 1911 (Jason K.)
- #131—AR-15 (Mike R.)
- #199—AR-15 (Janie R.)

### Didn't win?

Not to worry! We are getting ready to raffle off another Kimber 1911 and a Springfield XD/M. Tickets will be sold online and at our event tables. Look for an announcement coming soon!



## Arizona Election Results

While all eyes are on the results of the November 2nd federal elections, AzCDL's focus is on the outcomes of Arizona's local elections. Who is working at the Arizona Capitol determines the progress of legislation for 2011.

So far things look promising for pro-rights legislation. Governor Jan Brewer, who was appointed Governor when Janet Napolitano left in 2009, won her bid for another term.

Governor Brewer signed the AzCDL-requested Constitutional Carry legislation, among many other pro-rights bills in 2010, making Arizona the first state with large urban populations to restore the right of law-abiding adults to carry weapons, openly or discreetly, without first seeking written permission from the government. We look forward to working with Governor Brewer in the 2011 session.

Over in the Legislature, the Republicans picked up more seats, giving them a 21-9 majority in the Senate and a 40-20 majority in the House. Republican gains mean greater representation on committees. While the stronger Republican majority indicates a greater opportunity for the passage of AzCDL requested bills, it is not a guarantee. Just like there are Democrats who can be counted on to vote for pro-rights bills, there are some Republicans that subscribe to the notion that ordinary citizens can be trusted to tie their own shoe laces, but for everything else there is government. They may need that extra prodding that our membership is famous for.

Brightening our hopes a little further is the newly elected Senate and House Leadership. These are the people who determine who sits on committees, what committees will hear AzCDL requested bills, when bills get floor votes, etc.

In the Senate, Russell Pearce, the primary sponsor of the Constitutional Carry legislation, was elected as Senate President. Scott Bundgaard will become the Senate Majority Leader, and Steve Pierce will be the Majority Whip.

Over in the House, Kirk Adams was reelected as Speaker of the House, Andy Tobin was elected as Majority Leader, and Debbie Lesko is the new Majority Whip.

We congratulate the new Leadership and we look forward to working with them, as well as all legislators, on both sides of the aisle, in the 2011 session.

Even though the next legislative session doesn't start until early January, AzCDL is already working on suggested legislation for next year. Soon, we will be meeting with potential sponsors, and the "sausage making" will begin.

The passage of Constitutional Carry was not the end-game. It is merely a milestone that will serve as a launching platform for even greater gains.

Be prepared to become involved in the further restoration of your fundamental rights!

### Arizona Proposition Results

Overall, Arizonans fared well via this year's voter initiatives. Here are some of the highlights.

On the plus side, the following pro-rights propositions passed.

Proposition 106 prohibits any law or rule that would require participation in any health care system, such as "Obamacare."

Proposition 107 bans affirmative action programs that give preferential treatment, or discriminates, based on race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin in the operation of public employment, public education or public contracting.

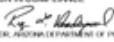
Proposition 113 guarantees the right to vote by secret ballot when a local, state or federal law permits or requires an election, designation or authorization for employee representation. This is in response to the proposed federal "Card Check" legislation requiring how a person votes on union representation to be made public.

Unfortunately, Proposition 109, which would have added hunting, fishing and the harvesting of wildlife as rights guaranteed under the Arizona Constitution, was defeated on November 2nd. This seemingly non-controversial idea of protecting your right to hunt and fish in here in Arizona sparked a successful, heavily funded opposition campaign by primarily East Coast based, anti-rights groups, that led to its defeat.

## Did you know....

.....that there are alternative training options that meet the requirements to obtain an Arizona CCW permit?

**ARS 13-3112.N.6** says that current military service or proof of an honorable discharge (or general discharge under honorable conditions) meets the CCW training requirements.

 <b>STATE OF ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY</b> <i>Courteous Vigilance</i>		
<b>CONCEALED WEAPON PERMIT SAMPLE, PERMIT</b>		
Permit # <b>1234567</b>	Issue Date <b>5/17/2006</b>	Expiration Date <b>5/17/2011</b>
Race <b>W</b>	Sex <b>M</b>	Height <b>602</b>
Weight <b>200</b>	Color <b>BLK</b>	Eyes <b>BRO</b>
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE PERSON DESCRIBED HEREON HAS BEEN GRANTED THE PRIVILEGE OF CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON IN COMPLIANCE WITH ARIZONA REVISED STATUTE 13-3112.		
 <small>DIRECTOR, ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY</small>		

Per **ARS 13-3112.N.4** "the completion of any National rifle Association firearms safety or training course" will meet the training requirements.

These unadvertised benefits were part of the 2010 Constitutional Carry bill. If you feel you qualify under these provisions, contact the DPS CCW Unit for an application.

## First on the List

"Hi! My name is Dave, and I'm a pro-freedom activist."

Sound familiar? It should. You've probably said something like that many times. Why? If you're reading this, chances are you belong to that select group of people who understand something that very few folks do these days. And that is, quite simply, that our freedom is under attack. Serious attack, from a whole host of enemies. So we, all of us, have become activists in the fight for freedom.

But what makes someone an activist? I'm not talking about how Mr. Webster sees it. I mean how we see it, deep down in our bones. What is that quality that really makes someone an activist?

I write letters, make phone calls, and send emails and lobby my legislators. Lots of them. All the time. By now I'd bet most of them have a separate correspondence file all for me. I'd lay dollars to doughnuts that most of them are sick of hearing my name. But does that make me an activist?

Nope.

I get involved. Really involved. I devote lots of time to various pro-freedom causes. In my case, it mostly goes to the Arizona Citizens Defense League as its President and primary lobbyist. I attend rallies. I march in protest. I sign petitions. I volunteer to help. I go to meetings. So does that make me an activist?

Nope.

Let me step aside for a moment and ask a question. How many of you folks who are out there reading this have ever had the following happen to you?

You're involved, you're volunteering, and you're out there on the front lines for the cause. You're trying your hardest to convince someone else to join AzCDL, sign that petition, attend that meeting, or march in that protest. And they say, "I'd love to, really, but I don't want my name on a list."

So you say, "Ah. You don't want your name on a list. I see." And you smile, and move on to the next person.

But do you really see? I mean really, they don't want their name on a list? And just what planet have these people been living on, if their names aren't on any list yet?

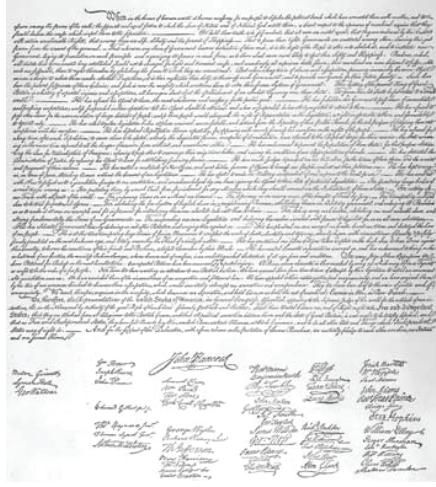
Were you born in a hospital? Guess what? Your name is on a list. Do you have a Social Security number? It's on another list. How about a Driver's License? Yep, you guessed it, another list. Do you vote? Another list. Got a telephone? Another list. Checking account? Another list. Credit cards? Another list.

And the list of lists you're already on gets bigger and bigger every day.

And that brings me back to my original point. What makes someone an activist? For me, it's one simple thing. I want to be on the list!

IN CONGRESS, July 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America.



Yep, you heard me right. I want to be on the list! Right at the top. In big, bold, 40 point type. So that whatever freedom stealing, control freak is monitoring the list can see my name without having to put on his reading glasses. Just like John Hancock's signature on the Declaration of Independence.

Do you think when old Johnny did that, that he didn't know what it meant? Do you think for one second that he never realized it would put him square in the sights of the most powerful ruler in the world? And did he hesitate for even one second? Nope. Why? Because old Johnny was an activist.

I want them to know my name. I want them to know where I live, what I do, who I associate with, and why.

I want them to know that this particular pain in the butt will never stop being one. I want them to know that I'm out there, watching, whenever one of their minions is getting ready to introduce some new rule or regulation that will tear another hole in the Bill of Rights.

I want them to know that I'm going to be the first in line to expose their little schemes. And maybe most of all, I want them to know, deep down in their bones, that they can only push so far before I push back!

I don't want them to ever forget who I am, what I stand for, and the lengths that I will go to in order to preserve the freedoms that we were born with, and possess merely because we're human beings.

So what makes me an activist? Simple. The desire to stay in sights of the powerful, so that those who won't do so can sleep well at night, knowing that the knock on the door won't come.

"Hi! My name is Dave, and I'm a pro-freedom activist. Make sure you put that down right at the top of your list!"



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