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# JOHN KERRY 'ASSAULTS' OUR INTELLIGENCE

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Somebody needs to advise Sen. John Kerry and his campaign staff that when you're in a hole, you should stop digging.

The Democratic presidential nominee – or as is being claimed now, some campaign aide – put their collective foot in it when, in response to a question from *Outdoor Life* magazine about what Kerry's favorite gun might be, this was the answer: "My favorite gun is the M-16 that saved my life and that of my crew in Vietnam. I don't own one of those now, but one of my reminders of my service is a Communist Chinese assault rifle."

That reply set off a firestorm in the gun rights community, and once again brought unwanted focus on what is strongly believed by a majority of gun owners to be Kerry's carefully manufactured interest in firearms, and crafted image as a recreational shooter and hunter. Suddenly, the man who has built a reputation over 20 years on Capitol Hill as a supporter of every gun control proposal to cross his desk – including bans on the ownership of so-called "assault rifles" by average citizens – is suddenly confessing to owning one himself.

Whether that gun had been rendered inoperable, as subsequently claimed by a spokeswoman, was irrelevant. That he owned one at all while backing legislation that would prevent others from owning similar guns pushed Kerry's weathervane needle right off the hypocrisy meter. It became immediately evident that damage control was necessary.

As the controversy took on a life of its own, the Kerry campaign hurriedly issued something of a "correction/retraction/denial" when an unidentified campaign aide was blamed for the "gaffe." Instead of being a "Communist Chinese assault rifle," Kerry's war souvenir became something else, apparently a Mosin-Nagant bolt-action rifle used by Soviet snipers against invading Germans during WWII.

Well, what's worse for Sen. Kerry to have on his office wall, an "assault rifle" or a "sniper rifle?" Both have become demons of the gun control crowd.

This isn't a "gaffe." This is an Olympic class insult to the intelligence of every gun owner who knows the difference between a prized firearm and political fraud.

Kerry's campaign has been pushing an image of the liberal Massachusetts Democrat as a sportsman and hunter for more than a year. But photo ops featuring Kerry shooting Iowa pheasants or Wisconsin clay birds, or accepting a semi-automatic shotgun at a West Virginia Labor Day rally have been ring-

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# CCRKBA HITS BRADY GROUP FOR DECEPTIVE ADVERTISING

"The Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence united with the Million Mom March resorted to deceptive advertising in full page ads which ran two days after Labor Day in major newspapers," John Michael Snyder, CCRKBA Public Affairs Director, charged.

Snyder said, "the claim in the ad that 'every national police organization' supports renewal of the ban on so-called 'assault weapons,' in reality a ban on the manufacture and importation of certain semiautomatic firearms, simply is not accurate.

"Neither the National Association of Chiefs of Police (NACOP) nor the American Federation of Police and Concerned Citizens (AFP&CC) nor the Law Enforcement Alliance of America (LEAA) supports it. The Brady bunch is out to lunch!"

The ad ran in The Washington Post and The New York Times.

The Brady group's ads appeared just before the September 13 sunset of the ban on so-called "assault weapons." The Brady Campaign and the anti-gun community in general appeared really bent out of shape as it became evident that their efforts to promote extension of the ban before the sunset were not going to succeed.

Sen. Bill Frist of Tennessee, the Senate Majority Leader, said right around Labor Day that, "I think the will of the American is consistent with letting it expire, so it will expire."

Rep. Tom DeLay of Texas, the House of Representatives Majority Leader, said that the "ban" in the first place was "a feel good piece of legislation," and that "it will expire Monday (September 13) and that's that."

The Brady Campaign ad proclaimed in big, bold letters that "four presidents helped pass the assault

weapons ban," and included pictures of former Presidents Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, and Bill Clinton.

Underneath the pictures of the four former presidents, the ad proclaimed, again in big bold letters, that "one president is blocking its renewal," and included a picture of President George W. Bush.

Beneath that was some textual criticism of President Bush, asking if he doesn't "know that every national police organization is fighting to renew the ban on weapons like Uzis and AK-47s," as if such firearms actually were the kinds of guns actually covered by the 1994 Clinton era law.

Snyder noted that, "annual NACOP surveys of the nation's chiefs of police and sheriffs indicate that over 90 percent of the top law enforcement command officers in America support the right of law-abiding American citizens to purchase firearms for sport or self-defense."

Snyder said that the Brady group "obviously is spending at least many tens of thousands of dollars of its contributors' money on this advertising campaign. What a waste! There is not enthusiastic massive public support for renewal of the ban. In May, on Mother's Day, the so-called Million Mom March for renewal degenerated into a thousand gang limp from the Capitol down Pennsylvania Avenue towards the White House.

"In May through early June, a CNN QuickVote internet poll demonstrated that of the hundreds of thousands of people interested enough to participate in the poll, 59 percent, or 215,514, voted in favor of lifting the ban, and 41 percent, or 152,257, voted in favor of extending it."

Politically, Snyder declared, "the ban is a loser. Even former President Clinton, in his 1995 State of the Union Message, indicated that one of the reasons for his party's loss of control of the House of Representatives for the first time in 60 years was its support for the ban which he proposed."



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# KERRY 'ASSAULTS' OUR INTELLIGENCE

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ing hollow with the majority of gun owners throughout the campaign. After all, this is the same John Kerry who broke from his presidential run during the primary season to race back to Capitol Hill, from where he had been AWOL, to cast a series of votes against hunters, gun owners and firearms manufacturers.

This episode raises other concerns beyond Kerry's apparent hypocrisy, and his, or his staff's, lack of firearms knowledge. Most importantly, if a Kerry aide, and not the senator himself, provided answers to *Outdoor Life's* questionnaire, what does that say about the importance Kerry attaches to communicating with the shooters and hunters whose votes he has been trying so hard to court?

It is of little genuine concern to gun owners whether Mr. Kerry owns an "assault rifle" or really is handling the necessary paperwork for legal transfer of that West Virginia shotgun, as a campaign spokeswoman insists. She noted that an attorney for the campaign is apparently making sure the shotgun transfer is done legally, and that's good, because an honest citizen just about needs a lawyer to understand all the crazy gun laws that have been passed over the last 20 years, with Kerry's full support.

What does concern the firearms community is Kerry's record. Gun people are not the ignorant bumpkins that Democrat spinmeisters evidently think we are. Kerry can tell us all day long that he supports the Second Amendment, but

he's not saying he believes in an individual right to keep and bear arms, and his votes certainly don't reflect it.

One does not merely "support" a civil right, one lives it and defends it zealously. The proof of that lies not in what a



candidate says on the campaign trail, or what he may have hanging on his wall that he cannot readily identify, but what he does to protect that right from abuse, not only for today's citizens, but for tomorrow's as well.

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# CCRKBA NAILS KERRY ON LABOR DAY GAMBIT

CCRKBA caught presidential hopeful John F. Kerry of Massachusetts early last month in another high-profile duplicitous attempt to garner support from gun owners.

The attempt occurred on Labor Day during a picnic in Racine, West Virginia.

At the picnic, Cecil Roberts, President of the United Mine Workers of America, presented a shotgun to Kerry as a gift.

"I thank you for the gift," said Kerry, "but I can't take it to the debate with me," an apparent reference to what was at the time a forthcoming debate with President George W. Bush.

After images of the presentation appeared nationally on television and in newspapers, the Cybercast News Service (CNSNEWS.COM) noted that, "Kerry's Gun Posing Doesn't Fool Gun Owners, Group Says."

Susan Jones, CNSNews.com Morning Editor, wrote that Kerry "has earned a 'Labor Day goose egg' from a Second Amendment group, for being a 'first class hypocrite.'"

Jones wrote that, "John Michael Snyder, CCRKBA Public Affairs Director, accused Kerry of pandering to pro-gun-rights voters by portraying himself as a gun owner and hunter, but also saying he would never consider shooting a deer with an AK-47.

"This does not wash with America's gun owners," Snyder said. "The Second Amendment isn't about duck hunting. It is about the right to keep and bear arms for defense of life and property. Some gun owners are doing that right now in Florida as they protect their property from looters in the wake of Hurricanes Charley and Florence," Snyder noted."

Snyder stated that, "when you

look at the public record, you see that Kerry, just like his Bay State political big brother, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, has been a reliable vote for the anti-gun special interests.

Just this spring, he came back from the campaign hustings to vote for a measure by anti-gun Sens. Dianne Feinstein of California and Charles Schumer of New York to extend a ban on the manufacture and importation of certain semiautomatic firearms beyond the scheduled September 13 sunset date. He also voted for a measure that would have outlawed the private sale of firearms at gun shows unless the buyer agrees to a background check."

Snyder declared that, "Kerry's not fooling us. His 100 percent ratings from the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence (formerly Handgun Control, Inc.), the anti-gun American Bar Association's Special Committee on Gun Violence, and the Coalition to Stop Gun Violence (known at one time as the National Coalition to Ban Handguns) just add up to a big goose egg from CCRKBA.

Snyder, named Dean of gun lobbyists by national media, said that Kerry "can add this zero award to his collection of Purple Hearts and band aids."

As if to add insult to injury, as well as to underscore further the Kerry hypocrisy, the shotgun presented to Kerry at the Labor Day picnic would have been banned if legislation he cosponsored became law.

Kerry last year cosponsored S. 1431, the proposed "Assault Weapons Ban and Law Enforcement Protection Act of 2003," which would ban a "semi-automatic shotgun that has a pistol grip."

The chief sponsor was anti-gun Sen. Frank Lautenberg of New Jersey.

When the bill was discussed last year, opponents argued successfully that nearly all guns have "pistol grips," including millions of Browning Auto-5 shotguns produced since 1903.

Photos show Kerry's hand resting on the "pistol grip," as loosely defined in S. 1431, Section SEC.2; (H) (ii) and (b) (42). "The term 'pistol grip,'" in the bill, "means a grip, a thumbhole stock, or any other characteristic that can function as a grip."

The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) pointed out that the Kerry gift was "a Remington model 11-87 shotgun commonly used in hunting and recreational shooting enjoyed by millions of Americans" and agreed it would be banned as an "assault weapon" under the Kerry co-sponsored bill.

Lawrence G. Keane, NSSF Senior Vice President and General Counsel, said, "Kerry tells union workers that he's a hunter, but the truth is he would ban their shotguns."

Remington President Tommy Milner, commenting on the Kerry gift, said "Remington was neither aware of this presentation in advance nor in any way supportive of its intent to support Senator Kerry's candidacy. In fact, the company remains amused by ongoing photos of Senator Kerry shooting without either eye or ear protection while discharging a firearm."

# KABA NOW WITH CCRKBA AND SAF

KeepAndBearArms.com (KABA), the website, has undergone a transfer of power and leadership.

Launched in April of 2000, KABA has become a daily source for news and information about gun rights, gun control and gun-related activism.

CCRKBA and the Second Amendment Foundation (SAF) have purchased the website, domain name and related assets associated with the website.

CCRKBA and SAF combined have over a million members and contributors nationwide, and its leaders are confident in taking KABA to the next level of growth and development.

Alan M. Gottlieb, CCRKBA Chairman and SAF Executive Vice President, has high hopes for KABA's

future. "KeepAndBearArms.com has been the premiere daily website for gun rights views and information for quite a while now," he stated. "They've done a great job in providing needed services to the gun rights community, and we salute them for their valiant efforts. We are working closely with the KABA staff to assure a smooth, seamless transition. We also are investing in a new server and in new development in key areas to begin expanding KABA's reach and influence. We are confident in our abilities to build upon what KeepAndBearArms.com has become while continuing to provide valuable services to the gun rights community for which KABA has become famous."

KeepAndBearArms.com will continue to function as an independent

gun rights website owned by KeepAndBearArms.com, Inc. whose shareholders consist of CCRKBA and SAF. NetSalon Corporation will continue to host the website.

The transition to the new KeepAndBearArms.com leadership was effective as of the first of September.



# NOVELIST C. J. SONGER

## THE CCRKBA AWARDEE

Novelist C. J. Songer gets the nod in October for the CCRKBA Gun Rights Defender of the Month Award.

A Californian, C. J. Songer worked for several years behind the scenes with the Glendale, California, Police Department, and is married to a former Robbery/Homicide Investigator from the same department.

Versed in weapons and self-defense, she's taken courses at Gunsite, "the Harvard of shooting schools," and with Yavapai Firearms Academy in Arizona, as well as at Thunder Ranch in Texas, G.S.G.I. and FrontSight in California, and a number of other venues. She's had training with current and ex-Navy SEALs, and has shot, by invitation, at tactical matches where street survival skills are measured.

Her first mystery novel was BAIT, published in hardcover by Scribners in 1998 and by Harper in paperback, and features the adventures of Detective Meg Gillis. The next book in the series is HOOK, also available in both hardcover and paperback. Both titles are available in Great Britain as well, and BAIT also was published in Germany.

They are semi-hard-boiled mysteries with a female protagonist who, like C. J. herself, believes strongly in using tactics and armed self-defense.

She's at work on another installment of the series, tentatively called LIVE.

Among the many plaudits the series has received was a 2003 award from Romantic Times, during a recent Book Lovers Convention in Kansas City.

Songer also is a columnist for THE FIRING LINE, the monthly newsletter of the California Rifle & Pistol Association, where she writes

the "View From the Home Front" column. She recently was named a Contributing Editor to WOMEN & GUNS, the first firearms publication for women, published by the Second Amendment Foundation.

"C. J. is a great asset to the gun fraternity," said Peggy Tartaro, Executive Editor of WOMEN & GUNS, Treasure of the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms, and Associate Editor of POINT BLANK.

"I was pleased to nominate C. J. Songer for a CCRKBA Gun Rights Defender of the Month Award," said Tartaro. "Gun owners should know that we have champions in the entertainment industry who can influence with one book literally thousands of people who otherwise might not think positively about us."

Tartaro added that, "we couldn't be happier to have C. J. on board writing regularly for WOMEN & GUNS. She has more ideas than time, but will be on our pages more often than not."

C. J. has been involved in spreading the positive word on guns not just on the page, but on the range as well. She participated in last year's National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) program designed for Hollywood Stuntwomen – teaching this group of professionals about real guns. The name for the group of Hollywood Stuntwomen is SWAMP – the Stunt Women's Association of Motion Pictures. The organization has been in existence since 1967.

The participants in last year's NSSF program came away with a new knowledge of, and respect for firearms. Many also expressed an interest in further exploring competitive shooting.

C. J. also has been helpful in leading other mystery writers to positive

gun experiences, both informally on a peer-to-peer basis, and by assisting the Second Amendment Foundation with its Firearms & Fiction seminars.

C. J. and her husband, Red, are gun enthusiasts. She recently competed in the IRC international revolver matches in California. They know the positive values of gun ownership and work tirelessly to preserve our gun rights.

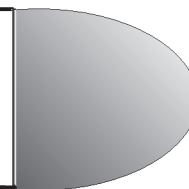
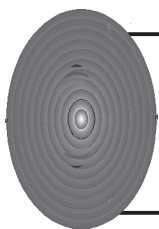
They're passing their values along to their two children. For more information about C. J.'s summer activities with her kids, please see the November/December 2004 issue of WOMEN & GUNS.

C. J. has her own website, too, [www.cjsonger.com](http://www.cjsonger.com), where many of her Firing Line columns, and now her Blue Press columns, are archived.

In the September/October 2004 issue of WOMEN & GUNS, C. J. writes that, "I've been doing a lot of thinking lately about public things, about the Second Amendment withering away, about the divisions in the shooting ranks, your type of shooting versus my type of shooting, shooters as a group keeping themselves too invisibly private, that sort of issue."

She understands that the shooting community now has to adhere to an important internal shooting community policy objective.

C. J. realizes that, in order to preserve the individual Second Amendment right of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms, it really is important to develop an all for one, one for all attitude.



"Ten years of deception finally is over," declared CCRKBA Chairman Alan M. Gottlieb early last month as the decade-old ban on production of certain semiautomatic firearms came to an end. Passed in 1994, the law did not ban possession of so-called "assault rifles," but merely prevented the continued production of such firearms, based solely on cosmetic features, not caliber or function. "The ban, in a nutshell, was one of the greatest hoaxes perpetrated by anti-gunners on the American public in the history of this nation," Gottlieb stated. "Studies by the Centers for Disease and Control, and for the National Institute of Justice, strongly suggest the ban had a negligible effect, if any, on crime."

"Neighborhood Watch – Protected by .357" proclaimed a huge, home-made sign posted by Mark Silverman of Punta Gorda, Florida during the August arrival of Hurricane Charley. The New York Times in mid-August ran a photo of Mark posing next to his sign. "I'm not kidding about this," The Times quoted him as declaring. It also reported that, "he would get no argument from Bob Holloway, a resident of Windmill Village trailer park, heavily damaged by Hurricane Charley, who patrolled there with a shotgun the other night." Bob and Mark and a number of other people were protecting their property. "Almost as soon as the hurricane had passed through," reported The Times, "some two dozen of the trailer park's residents, some carrying shotguns or other weapons, organized themselves into a makeshift security

squad, patrolling the dark streets, monitoring the perimeter and taking note of every person who tried to enter the community."

What a difference a party makes! The official 2004 Democratic National Platform declares, "We will protect Americans' Second Amendment right to own firearms," by, "reauthorizing the assault weapons ban, and closing the gun show loophole." The official 2004 Republican National Platform endorses the right to own firearms, says the "best way" to deter crime is to enforce existing gun laws and hand out tough penalties to those who commit crimes with a gun, and opposes creating a national gun registry.

In California, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed into law AB 50 banning .50 caliber BMG rifles. Truly disappointed gun rights activists in the Golden State maintain that the firearm has not been used in a crime in the State, which now is the first state to ban the rifles. Elated, Tom Diaz, Senior Policy Analyst of the anti-gun Violence Policy Center, said, "California has once again confirmed its status as a bellwether state in preventing gun violence... We look forward to other states, and eventually the U.S. Congress, following its lead."

Regular Americans should be allowed to carry concealed handguns, have access to the kind of firearms

used by foot soldiers and could even help in the war against terrorists, U.S. Senate candidate Alan Keyes in Illinois said in August while slamming his opponent on a gun-related issue. Keyes joined Illinois State Sen. Ed Petka, who holds a CCRKBA Gun Rights Defender of the Month Award, in chiding Illinois State Sen. Barack Obama, the Chicago Democrat running against Keyes, for not supporting legislation to exonerate home owners who shoot intruders in defiance of local handgun bans. The self-defense measure passed the General Assembly this spring but was vetoed this summer by Governor Rod Blagojevich.

In Canada, more than a million guns remain unregistered, a year and a half after a registration deadline, according to a document released by the Canada Firearms Centre. The total number of valid firearm license holders who still had not registered a firearm by late August stood at a "whopping" 406,834, reported the Sun Media. The Centre document showed that 620,000 firearms remain to be re-registered and that, "there are more than 78,000 applications to register or re-register caught in processing or a backlog of the Firearms Information System."



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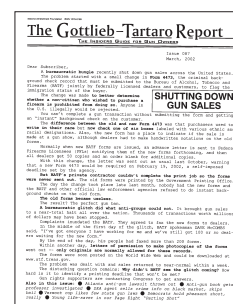
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