

SO MANY SEE the NRA only as the gun lobby. For decades, the legislative and judicial initiatives of the organization have been crucial in the fight to protect the Second Amendment for America's lawabiding citizens. But the NRA is much more dynamic and diverse, with a membership that is advancing all aspects of safe, responsible, empowered gun ownership

into the mainstream of popular culture. As we continue into a third century of service, NRA is proud to celebrate a future defined by an ever-growing group of energetic, accomplished individuals who believe in this freedom and this country.



WORLD CHAMPION SHOOTER

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on 🕨 Making a living in the SPORT SHE LOVES

hen Team Smith & Wesson Captain Julie Golob was a little girl, she loved to tag along with her father on trips to the range. In

doing so, she found a sport—and a group of friends that helped shape her future.

Now multiple national and world championships later, Julie still loves a trip to the range. She loves sharing the joy of the shooting sports with all who will listen. And she looks forward to taking her young daughters shooting someday when they get old enough to participate in the sport that has taken her around the world. Read the full text on the back page  $\succ$ 

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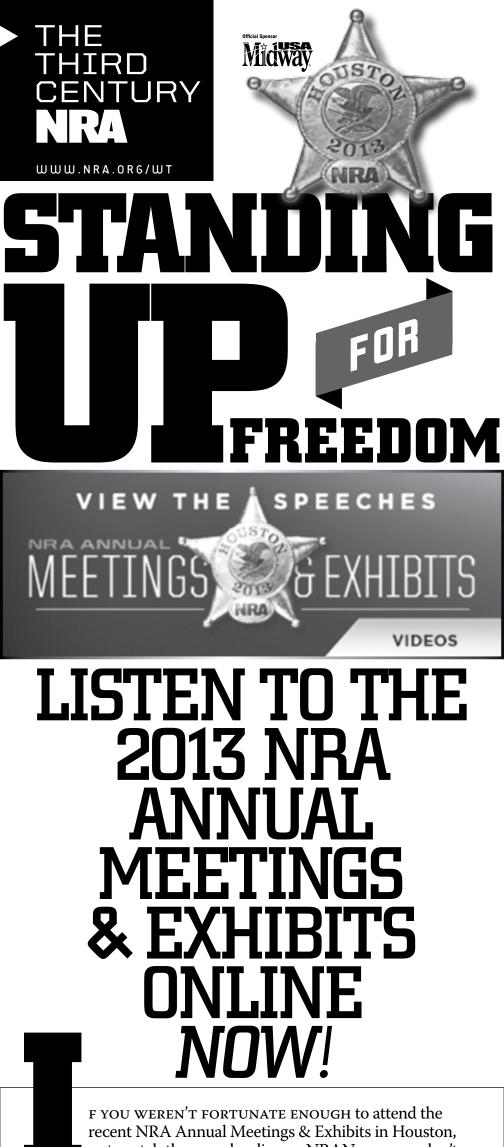
hile the right of Americans to keep and bear arms is under unprecedented assault by the president, gun-banners in Congress and the media elite, you wouldn't know it by looking at the record number of National Rifle Association members.

NRA Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre announced at the recent Annual Meetings & Exhibits in Houston, Texas, that NRA is now 5 million strong for the first time in the organization's historyand the growth is continuing.

"The state of the NRA is stronger and larger than it has ever been," LaPierre told more than 3,000 NRA members gathered for the annual business meeting. "Our commitment to freedom is unwavering, and our growth is unprecedented. By the time we're finished, the NRA must and will be 10 million strong."

To join the NRA or learn more about membership, go to:

HTTP://HOME.NRA.ORG/MEMBERSHIP 



or to catch the speeches live on NRANews.com, don't despair. All of the addresses from various NRA leaders, heroes and celebrities are just a mouse click away.

This year's annual meetings featured perhaps the most starstudded cast ever, from governors, to senators, to past presidential candidates, to true American heroes. And all the speeches are now available for viewing at your convenience at NRA.org.

In all, more than six hours of speeches are available for your viewing and listening pleasure. It's the next best thing to actually being at the Annual Meetings and seeing the speeches in person. To get started, simply go to **WWW.NRR.ORG** and look for the

large window titled "NRA Annual Meetings Speeches."

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Professional competition shooter and author Julie Golob is a 13-time USPSA Ladies National *Champion and* seven-time World Speed Shooting Champion.

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WATCH MORE OF JULIE

IN THE LATEST NRA WOMEN

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### ANNOUNCING THE Great American Outdoor Show

N JANUARY, WHEN BRITAIN-BASED Reed Exhibitions banned certain semi-auto rifles, often incorrectly called "assault rifles," at its Eastern Sports & Outdoor Show, exhibitors quickly took a stand. One by one they announced support of a boycott if the guns and associated accessories were not allowed at the show.

The result—the largest sports show in the United States was cancelled only weeks before it was to open.

Now, however, with selection of the National Rifle Association as new show promoter, the show will return next year, bigger and better than ever.

Set for Feb. 1-9, 2014, the new Great American Outdoor Show won't end when the exhibit hall closes each day. NRA Country

concerts, fundraising dinner banquets, seminars and speaking events from some of the country's best-known personalities will fill the evenings to enhance attendees' overall event experience.

"We heard from many exhibitors and many more of our members who expressed their disappointment and were concerned about the show's future," said then-NRA President David Keene. "As an exhibitor at the show for over 30 years ourselves, and with 900,000 of our 5 million members within 300 miles of Harrisburg, the decision to offer our support was unanimous."

As in the past, the new show will be held at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex. For more information about the Great American Outdoor Show, go to WWW.GREATAMERICANOUTDOORSHOW.ORG

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### HAT DO YOU DO FOR A LIVING?" As a frequent traveler, it's a question I am asked often. My answer is rather unconventional, and one people rarely expect. I am a professional shooter.

Some people are put off by my career and affiliation with firearms. But more often than of marksmanship and leadership skills that I rely on today as the captain of Smith & Wesson's extremely successful

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not, I end up in a lengthy, positive conversation about guns, hunting, the shooting sports and how I ended up, of all things, shooting guns as a day job.

It goes back to developing a respect for firearms as a child. Whether it was tagging along with my dad during deer hunting season or hanging out with him on the shooting range in the summer, shooting has been a part of my life for as long as I can remember. As a young girl, I was quite an anomaly at the range, considering shooting has long been considered a male hobby. Yet I was welcomed with open arms. Shooters became my extended family.

JULIE GOLOB

It was there I learned the value of hard work, ethics, sportsmanship and the importance of safe gun handling. When I began competing, shooting also ignited something else in me—the desire to be the very best. Growing up, I had a front-row seat to watch the top action shooters in the world, in their colorful sponsor jerseys, race through courses of fire while engaging a variety of steel and paper targets in everchanging scenarios. I wanted to be one of them.

My first trip to the United States Practical Shooting Association national championship at age 16 landed me a spot on the prestigious Army Marksmanship Unit's Action Shooting Team and marked the beginning of my career. After nearly eight years on Team Army, I built a strong foundation

shooting team.

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In my 20 years of competitive shooting, the sport has taken me all over the world. From visiting grassroots shooting clubs throughout the country to traveling to six continents to compete against shooters from all over the world, I have experienced different cultures and met talented and generous people.

There's nothing quite like the thrill of performing at your best and taking home a prestigious win, but more than that keeps me coming back to the range. I enjoy spending time with shooters. Ranges enforce strict safety rules, but there's also a sense of responsibility in those involved in shooting competitions. Perhaps it's the respect for firearms and firearm safety that helps contribute to a sense of camaraderie, but I have found that the people who participate in shooting sports are some of the finest folks I have ever met.

Shooting hasn't just taken me places; it has helped me grow as a person. Thanks to my loving parents, I was able to discover a hobby that helped me learn to set goals and accomplish them. I developed a sense of responsibility, confidence and fun in a sport that men and women, young and old, and those from all walks of life enjoy. Spreading the word about shooting sports is something I am passionate about, and as a mother of two little girls, I can't wait to share it with them, too.

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### **COLORING THE ISSUE**

O WHAT'S WITH CALLING ME THE "TOKEN BLACK GUY"? As if to say because I'm black, I'm somehow fundamentally incapable of independent thought? I mean, I've been talking gun rights on YouTube for two years now. Somehow, when you finally come across me, I'm simply a "mouthpiece for the NRA." Like the NRA drove around the city in a Phantom Drophead, plucked me off the street corner, threw a hat on my head and said, "Talk, boy!"

I find it odd that a group of people who fancy themselves progressives, and are "oh so tolerant and accepting," can't see past my skin color. On some planets, mainly Earth, discounting someone's ability to think autonomously based totally on their race is-racist.

by COLION NOIR, Urban Gun Enthusiast

When I wear a T-shirt, a hat and jeans and talk about gun rights, I'm dismissed as some "hip-hop clothes-wearing puppet." Yet when Michael Moore does it, he's a "liberal activist." I'm black-get over it. I wear hats—get over it. I can read—get over it.

See the latest from Colion Noir, Natalie Foster and Dom Raso at HTTP://WWW.NRRNEWS.COM/COMMENTATORS

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attendance record for the event.

This year's attendance shattered the previous record of 73,740, set just last spring in St. Louis.

Crowds thronged to the large variety of events, including speeches by NRA leaders, politicians and

