

What Is The TFA?

The TFA is a nonprofit organization formed in 1995 with the aim of promoting the safe and responsible use and ownership of firearms while at the same time working to protect and promote the rights of firearms owners in Tennessee. We have a fundamental belief in the Second Amendment, and the Tennessee Constitutional guarantee of the right to keep, bear, and wear arms. This is the bedrock upon which the TFA is built. The TFA has received nonprofit recognition from the Internal Revenue Service as a 504(c)(4) organization.

What Is The TFA's Purpose?

The primary purpose of the TFA is to promote safe and responsible firearms use and ownership through education. There are many pro-gun organizations in this country, but the TFA is the only one addressing these topics as they relate specifically to Tennesseans. TFA is not a gun club, a hunting club, or a self-defense organization. While it promotes each of these interests, it does not focus on any single issue. TFA members work to promote the interests of all firearms owners: recreational shooters, hunters, collectors, competitive shooters, those concerned about self-defense, and for the purposes that caused the founders of this Country to pass the Second Amendment.

How Does TFA Pursue These Objectives?

TFA pursues these objectives by recognizing the benefit of firearms owners working together. Educated and knowledgeable firearms owners are the best mechanism for promoting responsible ownership and use of firearms. Well-informed, knowledgeable firearms owners can spread the word that most firearms owners are responsible citizens, parents, and voters. Individuals can work together effectively to prevent infringement of the right to keep, bear, and wear arms, especially as that right has increasingly come under attack from various factions in society.

TFA also recognizes the need to educate the general public, elected officials, and the news media in order to defeat rampant misinformation. Such misinformation, whether intentional or unintentional, has led to confusion and even fears about firearms. Those who intentionally spread falsehoods and misinformation about firearms and firearms owners often couple it with emotional pleas designed to foster sentiments in the public and among legislators against firearms as the "problem"

with "gun violence". Although there are many sources of misinformation, most of them can be addressed by providing truthful information concerning firearms and firearms owners.

TFA's Information Efforts

TFA distributes information through a variety of sources, including the Internet, traditional printed materials, handouts, volunteer speakers, and legislative support. Harnessing the power of the Internet, TFA has developed an extensive website on Tennessee firearms issues. Through its media relations program, TFA provides guest speakers. Through its legislative program, TFA's specialists work with legislators to minimize misinformation, bad legislation, and to remove bad laws. TFA also distributes free legislative e-mail alerts, and offers handouts at gun shows, gun clubs, and retail outlets.

Through its information resources, TFA distributes information regarding legislative activities and legal reforms, legislative contacts, new laws, shooting opportunities, public ranges, and other information that is of interest to all facets of Tennessee's shooting sports and firearms owners. Particular areas of interest include recent developments in reciprocity agreements that allow Tennessee handgun permit holders to carry legally when travelling in other states, and listing businesses and areas that are "posted", where carry is restricted or prohibited.

TFALAC – Legislative Services

The TFALAC (Legislative Action Committee), a registered political action committee, works closely with legislators to make Tennessee a great state for firearms owners. Several state legislators have joined TFA as a direct result of the working relationship that has developed between them and TFA. TFA's leadership has worked closely with Tennessee legislators to pass pro-firearms legislation, including the 1996 Handgun Permit Law and the 1995 and 2004 Range Protection Acts, and to defeat inappropriate legislation such as the 1999 Personalized Handgun (also known as "smart gun technology") bill.

However, TFA knows that firearms issues in Tennessee, as they are across the country, are grassroots issues. We will only be successful if the citizens of the State of Tennessee take an active role by working with their elected officials to promote these issues. TFA makes

it easier for Tennesseans to work knowledgeably with their elected officials on these issues.

"The TFA has proven it's success in protecting our rights under the Second Amendment by working hard for the rights of gun owners and handgun permit carriers in Tennessee since 1995. I am proud to be a member."
Rep. Ben West Jr., D – Nashville

Why Should You Join TFA?

TFA is the only Tennessee organization fighting for your rights under the Second Amendment and the Tennessee Constitution. Our success is in our members. We have successfully fought for the Handgun Carry Permit, range protection, and other pro-gun legislative initiatives. Equally important, we work to defeat every bill that could infringe your rights to keep, bear, wear, and enjoy firearms in Tennessee.

Membership Benefits: TFA provides a number of benefits to its members. The primary benefit is your association with like-minded individuals who are also dedicated to the preservation of our individual liberties, including the right to keep, wear, and bear arms. Through TFA, members have:

- Issue representation and participation in the legislative process in Tennessee.
- TFALAC works in the political arena to lobby for laws and regulations that ensure the continued preservation of our rights and to oppose those proposed laws which would restrict your rights.
- Electronic updates via e-mail.
- Local chapter and statewide member meetings.
- Other direct member benefits are being pursued, including merchant and training discounts.!

However, the most important benefit that you may receive as a TFA member is that you will be helping to build from the grassroots level a strong state organization to promote and preserve the rights of Tennesseans under the Second Amendment and the Tennessee Constitution to keep, bear, and wear arms for whatever purposes you presently enjoy.

Through TFA, we can work together to broaden the exercise of our rights, and oppose laws that infringe them.

TENNESSEE FIREARMS ASSOC. MEMBER INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Day _____

Evening _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____

Membership Type - Check one

| | | New | Renewal |
|----------------------|-------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Individual Annual | \$35 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Family Annual | \$45 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Business/Club Annual | \$75 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Individual 3-year | \$90 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Individual 5-year | \$125 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Individual Life | \$500 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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Signature _____

Date _____

While you have your checkbook out, please consider an additional contribution to the TFALAC PAC. The amount that you would spend on just a couple of boxes of ammo will do more to protect your rights through the TFALAC than you may realize. Check one:
\$10 \$20 \$50 \$100 \$ _____
Contributions to TFALAC are NOT tax deductible

Please return this form and your payments to:

Tennessee Firearms Association, Inc.

P.O. Box 198722

Nashville, TN 37219

TFA Talking Points

These Talking Points have been developed to help you as a grassroots member of TFA be more effective talking to others about the rights of gun owners.

TFA is a Tennessee nonprofit corporation.

TFA's mission is to create better informed citizens by encouraging individual involvement for the protection of our rights and privileges.

TFA monitors and reports on Tennessee laws and regulations important to our membership of firearms owners, hunters, recreational shooters, competitive shooters, collectors, and permit holders.

TFA consists of members who are involved across the state in protecting our civil rights through one-on-one contacts with state legislators and other elected officials – including law enforcement.

TFA's successes are the result of members who actively participate to protect their rights much like the Sentries and Minutemen who were the backbone of the American Revolution.

TFA leadership drafted your Tennessee civilian handgun carry law and many of the other pro-Second Amendment statutes which have been enacted since 1995.

TFA members worked collectively to pass laws repealing restrictions on firearms ownership, restrictions on firearms possession, restoration of civil rights, reciprocity with other states and have strengthened laws to protect and promote gun ranges.

TFA has defeated legislation which would: impose “one gun a month” laws, require firearms storage restrictions similar to those in Washington, DC; mandate “smart gun” technologies; ban common ammunition; force range closings because of increasing and encroaching residential developments; create special firearms privileges for some citizens over others; require concealment of firearms in public; give too much authority to the Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency and laws which sacrifice Constitutional rights in the name of perceived public “safety.”

TFA resists legislative agendas advanced by other “national” organizations at the state level when those legislative agendas are wrong for Tennessee's gun owners.

The Second Amendment recognizes and protects an individual's right to keep and bear arms from any infringement *by the federal government*.

The Tennessee Constitution in Article 1, Section 26, recognizes and protects an individual right to keep, bear and wear arms from the unrestrained infringement from state government.

The Constitutional protections of firearms ownership are not merely to protect the ability to hunt or to effectuate the right of individual self-defense--*these rights were assumed so fundamental as not to require constitutional protection*. Flowing from the overthrow of English rule, the Constitutional protections of firearms ownership exist expressly for the purpose of allowing the citizens to enforce their ultimate right to control their new governments.

The categories of “arms” that are constitutionally protected are not those suitable solely for “sporting purposes”, hunting, or even self-defense. The “arms” that are constitutionally protected, because of the very purpose of the protection, include those that are suitable and effective for military use.

The state and federal Constitutional provisions are only effective when individuals and organizations push back against state and federal governments that are increasingly unrestrained by the Constitutional protections of individual rights - not just 2nd Amendment rights but many other fundamental rights.

What you don't know affects you. How would you feel if your rights to carry/have guns were outlawed? TFA members continually fight to protect your rights to carry ... from those who want to reduce and ultimately remove them. TFA members recognize that *Freedom isn't free!* but it requires time, effort and resources to maintain.



Established 1995...

to protect the right to keep, bear,
and wear arms in Tennessee

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