

What is the Virginia Citizens Defense League?

The *Virginia Citizens Defense League, Inc. (VCDL)* is a non-profit, non-partisan, grassroots organization dedicated to advancing the fundamental right of all Virginians to keep and bear arms as guaranteed in the United States and Virginia Constitutions.

VCDL's Philosophy

VCDL believes that to win the fight to restore our Gun Rights, we have to:

- go on the offensive
- make use of the best lobbyist – you, the voter

VCDL rejects the approach of focusing on a defensive battle until “the time is right”. Even if you win 95% of the defensive battles, you lose 5%. Over time, this defensive war of attrition slowly whittles away our Rights until we have none.

The time isn't going to magically become right to introduce pro-gun legislation. Instead, WE have to make the time right. And we do that by constantly pushing a pro-gun agenda – getting pro-gun legislation before the General Assembly, getting voters to contact their legislators, and hounding any locality that violates the law.

Even if we win only 5% of our pro-gun agenda each year, we are advancing our Rights each and every year, instead of losing them bit-by-bit.

VCDL doesn't have a paid lobbyist. Instead, we rely upon the voters in each legislative district to contact their legislators. Voters are very effective lobbyists to whom legislators do listen.

Stay informed on Gun Rights issues in Virginia

VCDL's FREE Internet mailing list, **VA-ALERT**, provides timely information about the current Virginia General Assembly session, local issues, and important federal alerts. It is not a discussion list and will not unnecessarily add to the amount of email you receive.

If you join VCDL and supply an email, you will be added to **VA-ALERT**. Or, you, your friends, and family may sign up for VCDL's free **VA-ALERT** at:

VCDL.org/VA-ALERT



A message from Philip Van Cleave, President

The **Virginia Citizens Defense League, Inc.** was originally founded in 1994 as the Northern Virginia Citizens Defense League (NVCDL).

Over the course of four years, the group grew from a handful of five activists to hundreds of members from across the Commonwealth of Virginia. NVCDL could no longer justify its regional focus and so in 1998, incorporated as a new, statewide organization known as VCDL.

Today, VCDL is the most aggressive gun rights organization in Virginia with thousands of members. Politicians routinely monitor our web site in hopes of anticipating our next move. Our monthly meetings, newsletter, and email alerts, assure that all members are kept informed of the latest issues regarding individual liberty.

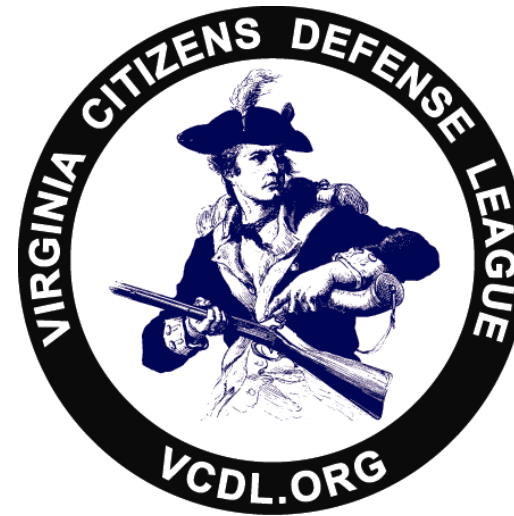
VCDL serves as a watchdog and whistle-blower, making sure that the government doesn't unlawfully restrict your right to defend yourself and your family. From illegal 'no guns' signs to activist judges not following the law when issuing concealed handgun permits, VCDL will bring pressure to bear to correct the problem.

Action is what VCDL is about!

Join us in the fight for YOUR freedom!

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Make checks payable to "VCDL" and mail to:

**VCDL Membership Processing Center
P.O. Box 5752
Fredericksburg, VA 22403**

Contributions, gifts, or membership dues are not deductible for Federal income tax purposes. (rev. 9/16 – Q27)

Show ID / Date / Volunteer Member #

VCDL-Political Action Committee (PAC)

As a separate tax entity, the VCDL-PAC receives no money from VCDL and runs solely on your generosity. For this reason contributions are needed for both organizations! Unlike VCDL, the VCDL-PAC can actively work to elect politicians at the state and local level who support your Right to Keep and Bear Arms.

All VCDL-PAC contributions must contain the information identified in all CAPS and CANNOT be accepted without these details. We will not share your information except as required by law.

VCDL Accomplishments

The ONLY organization to get pro-gun bills introduced in every legislative session since 1997 while actively blocking attempts by others to restrict your rights. Here are some of the highlights:

2016

- Instrumental in getting a new law that will also expand the number of states that honor Virginia permits
- Successfully killed the Attorney General's attempt to reduce reciprocity by almost 84%
- Second ID requirement and the proof of citizenship requirements removed for gun purchases
- All anti-gun bills neutered or killed

2015

- Successfully lobbied the General Assembly to pass a bill to provide protections to someone who inadvertently carries on K-12 school property
- All anti-gun bills neutered or killed

2014

- Successfully lobbied the General Assembly to pass a bill clarifying existing law that a CHP is not needed when transporting a loaded handgun in a closed glove box, console or

- other closed compartment or container. The bill was vetoed by Governor McAuliffe
- Protested Stafford County Sheriff Jett's attempt to keep VCDL from having a booth at a National Night Out event
- Helped stop the Culpeper County Board of Supervisors from enacting hunting and shooting restrictions
- Compelled Roanoke City to remove two illegal "no guns" signs
- All anti-gun bills neutered or killed

2013

- Seven pro-gun bills passed, the most important of which protected CHP holder information from public access
- Helped defeat a proposed BATFE rule that would make it harder to get NFA items
- Got a Writ of Mandamus issued against the Petersburg City Court Clerk and forced her to follow the law by 1) issuing permits through the mail and 2) only charging \$50
- All anti-gun bills neutered or killed

2012

- Repealed the local fingerprint requirement for all CHP applicants
- Prevented localities from banning firearms in personal vehicles while at work
- Prevented localities from requiring extraneous info on CHP applications
- Prevented gun bans during a declared state of emergency
- Repealed Virginia's One Handgun a Month rationing scheme
- CHP added to the voter ID list for elections
- All anti-gun bills neutered or killed

2011

- Improved the issuance of new, renewal, and replacement CHPs
- Legalized discharge of air guns on private property in all localities as long as reasonable care is taken to keep the projectile on the property
- Spoke at Freedom of Information Act Council meeting in Richmond in favor of protecting CHP holder information from dissemination

- Successfully fought off attempts by the Sussex Planning Commission to severely restrict ranges in Sussex County
- All anti-gun bills neutered or killed

For a more complete list see:
VCDL.org/Accomplishments

Benefits of Membership

Making a Difference You can be a member of Virginia's premier grassroots 2nd Amendment organization. You will be kept informed on the Right to Keep and Bear Arms in Virginia, and provided the tools to intelligently communicate with your Delegate or State Senator.

Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) VCDL is affiliated with the CMP making you eligible to purchase surplus firearms and ammunition from the U.S. government. Visit thecmp.org.

The Defender Our newsletter is published as needed and mailed to members, with special legislative alerts that keep you up to date on what VCDL members are doing throughout Virginia to fight for our Right to Keep and Bear Arms. It contains information and articles not included in the emailed VA-ALERTS.

Discounts VCDL members receive discounts at a variety of stores and businesses. A list can be found on the website at VCDL.org/Discounts.



Get VCDL's bumper sticker with a 100% positive pro-gun message. The Guns Save Lives bumper stickers are available for \$1.00 each to cover postage and handling **OR** just send us a SASE (#10/business size) to the address on the bottom of the attached membership form to get it for **FREE!**

VCDL maintains a web site to keep members and other interested parties informed of the latest developments in Virginia regarding our Right to Keep and Bear Arms.

Visit: VCDL.org

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