



# *The Flyer*

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## **THE 2021 LOBBY EDITION**

### LOBBY DAY UNDER ATTACK

Last year we had an unprecedented turnout to the Virginia Citizen's Defense League organized Lobby Day. Virginia received national recognition as tens of thousands of responsible gun owners showed up to Richmond make their voices heard.

Despite the efforts of the Governor making it more difficult, and attempting to make it look like crazed gun owners were showing up to ransack the Capitol, the attendees made us proud with no issues. We were even captured on the news cleaning the streets afterward. He failed to paint us in the light that he wanted.

This year the Governor has gone a step further to prevent our voices from being heard by manipulating the rules for permits, and giving our lobby day to anti-gun groups for their demonstrations. At this point we do not have a permit to demonstrate or lobby during our typical lobby day which is scheduled for January 18<sup>th</sup>.

Enter COVID...due to the resurgence of COVID it will be interesting how it impacts the ability of the anti-gunner to assemble or want to assemble in public spaces. Enter our plan B which might be even better than Plan A. VCDL (Virginia Citizens Defense League) is organizing a car caravan route so we can all drive. Imagine the traffic and press coverage of thousands of cars going through Richmond!

The opportunity for press coverage and having a way bigger turnout than the anti-gun groups is significant. We need to continue to make our voices heard. With over 30 million new guns on the streets of America this year alone we should have an opportunity to start to reach those Virginians that believe in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment.

### PLANS FOR THE DAY

VCDL has arranged maps for various starting areas within the State. Details of the specific routes and Caravans can be found at:

<https://vcdl.org/LD2021Routes/>

Four main Caravans will be starting from various city locations to include Staunton, Fairfax County, Hampton, and Emporia. Each will be lead by a "decked-out" bus. Once these caravans leave their starting location, they will stay on the main highways and will not stop. So, the Staunton caravan, for example, will stay on I64 East and will not exit in Charlottesville, BUT there is a waypoint in Charlottesville where people can wait for the caravan to pass by and merge into it.



The sub-caravans start in Bristol, Winchester, Chesapeake, Virginia Beach, Lynchburg, Martinsville, Wattsville, Burgess, and Dahlgren areas. These sub-caravans will not be stopping either. However, if a sub-caravan arrives at the associated main-caravan location early, the sub-caravan can head to the main-caravan starting location. Otherwise, the sub-caravan can keep going on the route and hopefully catch up with the main-caravan.

Each of the Caravans is scheduled to arrive at staggered times in the City of Richmond starting around noon, and the last group arriving in Richmond around 3:00 PM.

There is a detailed map of the routes used in Richmond.

### MAKING YOUR VOICES HEARD

VCDL is ordering vehicle flags (GSL and the VCDL logo), as well as GSL and VCDL logo magnets. The more you "deck out" your vehicle, the better! We want those watching the long stream of vehicles go by to know that those vehicles are part of a massive caravan on a mission to protect the right to keep and bear arms. VCDL at this time has coordinated 45 different locations to pick up flags/magnets etc. Please follow VCDL's website for more details. You can also make your own signs for your vehicle and/or to carry if you go walking in Richmond. Your signs should stick to the common theme: gun rights.

### ANOTHER PRESSING YEAR

This year promises to be another one filled with attacks on our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Rights. It is imperative that you stay active and let your representatives know your feelings regarding proposed legislation that is bound to come out. Two main sources of information for legislation information in Virginia is through the VCDL and Virginia Shooting Sports Association.

For VCDL, you can sign up for a free email blast or better yet join to help them get the word out. VCDL is a grass roots organization with volunteers throughout the Commonwealth and focuses on legislation at all state and local levels. You can find out more by going to: <https://vcdl.org>

The other organization is the Virginia Shooting Sports Association (VSSA). VSSA is the state version of NRA. They help with training, competition, and legislative actions. They have some great legislative summaries and such on their website: <https://www.myvssa.org>

It is imperative to stay informed and stay active at not only the federal level, but the state and local levels as well. Make your voices heard, send emails, make phone calls, send letters, and by all means VOTE.

By Scott Sampson, Chief Instructor, #762



## **COMING SOON!!**

**ASC has up-coming work parties  
in March/April timeframes.**

**Work will focus on finishing up  
repairs to the range and working  
on berms.**

**Work party dates and times to  
be announced at a later time.**

