

# PROGRAMS REPORT



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President Ronald Reagan in his farewell address to the American people from the Oval Office made two observations that are often quoted and directly apply to where we as proud pro Second Amendment Californians find ourselves today.

The first quote begins, “three little words: ‘We the People.’ ‘We the People’ tell the government what to do; it doesn’t tell us. ‘We the People’ are the driver; the government is the car. And we decide where it should go, and by what route, and how fast. Almost all the world’s constitutions are documents in which governments tell the people what their privileges are. Our Constitution is a document in which ‘We the People’ tell the government what it is allowed to do. ‘We the People’ are free.”

Our recent election is proof that Americans still recognize their power and voted at the ballot box to return to that principle. Later in his speech Reagan requested Pilgrim Preacher John Winthrop, “America is a bright shining city on a hill and a beacon to all.” Winthrop had a vision that America would set an example for not only what should be, but for what can be. It is a promise that generations have believed in, fought for and passed on to each successive generation.

The California Rifle & Pistol Association is moving forward in 2017 with improved programs along every front to be that bright shining city on a hill here in California, the state that Reagan cherished so much.

**Legislative** – This year CRPA will be hosting multiple events at the capitol and throughout the state to advance the Second Amendment, Hunting and Shooting Sports. Working with the NRA and other like-minded organizations, we will bring forth multiple items to push back on the tyranny of the past against law abiding gun owners.

**Litigation** – With the advent of a new Supreme Court of The United States (SCOTUS) with the election of Donald Trump as President, CRPA, working with the NRA, will move forward numerous litigation cases to secure your rights, repeal bad laws and stop the opposition both here locally and nationwide.

**Political** – CRPA is currently expanding its Coalition of Local Gun Owners grassroots program into your local area. These groups will be assisting us in expanding programs in their area while helping us in politically insuring pro 2A candidates get

elected. We are here to remove bad candidates and replace them with people who support the Second Amendment.

**Hunting** – CRPA is working with the California Hunting & Conservation Coalition throughout the state to advance hunting and to educate the community at large in scientific based conservation rather than emotional based ideas of the anti-hunting community. We are holding seminars statewide to educate the public about hunters and to turn hunters into ambassadors for the sport.

**Community Outreach** – CRPA is reaching out to local communities and working with them to bring safety, education, and a deeper knowledge of the shooting sports. Many of these programs are working in tandem with the National Rifle Association, other 2A groups, hunting organizations and manufacturers to form sustainable programs in these communities.

**Training** – This year CRPA opened up its new training center and has continually held sold-out classes. We are working with local trainers statewide to help them expand training in their respective areas. The more students we can get trained the more people we add to the ranks.

**Events** – We are tailoring events to the needs of our members in their areas. These events range from political, training, hunting and much more. These events can be tailored as stand-alone or as an organization-wide event for your local group. The goal here is to give you, our members, a chance to interact and see the benefits of your membership.

**Membership** – Look for new benefits coming to our membership in spring 2017. We are working with partners throughout the state to give yearlong benefits and special seasonal discounts and opportunities to say thank you for your support.

**Youth** – We are expanding youth training opportunities and experiences throughout the state through our various coalition partners. We are focused on expanding the recruitment and retention of the next generation of enthusiasts.

These are just a few of the many programs you will see featured in upcoming issues. Each of these programs is an opportunity for you to get involved and make the most of your membership. We look forward to seeing you in one or more of these exciting programs.

