



Pete Brownell President National Rifle Association

Pete Brownell is the president of the National Rifle Association of America.

Following a five-year stint as president of firearms industry giant Brownells, Brownell assumed the role of Chief Executive Officer from his father, Frank, in 2012.

In his roles at both Brownells and the NRA, Brownell has proven himself as an energetic, growth-oriented leader. Under his watch, Brownells has grown from a niche-specific supplier of gunsmithing tools and accessories to an international company known for firearms, firearm parts, accessories and ammunition.

As a lifelong champion of the Second Amendment, Brownell has approached his work for the NRA with the same level of enthusiasm. He has brought fresh attention and leadership to all areas of the organization, working to modernize its programs and spread NRA's message farther and wider than ever before with the simple ethos, "The Second Amendment is for everyone."

First elected to the NRA Board of Directors in 2010, Brownell currently serves as chairman of the Finance and Meeting Site Selection Committees. He is also a member of the Membership and Executive Committees.

Brownell is the former chairman of the National Association of Sporting Goods Wholesalers (NASGW), is a past Trustee of the U.S. Army's Command and General Staff Foundation Board, and was appointed by the governor to the Iowa Economic Development Authority.

An lowa native, Mr. Brownell holds business and master's degrees from the University of Iowa. ■



Richard Childress

First Vice President

National Rifle Association

Richard Childress is the first vice president of the National Rifle Association of America.

First elected to the NRA Board of Directors in 2009, Childress is chairman of the Hunting and Wildlife Conservation Committee and is a member of the Finance and Meeting Site Selection Committees. He also serves on the NRA Foundation Board of Trustees and is an Executive Committee member. Childress is the co-chair of the NRA Hunters' Leadership Forum.

Childress currently serves as chairman and CEO of Richard Childress Racing (RCR), a world-class stock car racing team based in Welcome, N.C., that competes on the NASCAR circuit. RCR was founded in 1969, and Childress was a driver for eight seasons before turning the keys over to the late Dale Earnhardt. Together, Earnhardt and Childress won six NASCAR Cup Series championships (1986, 1987, 1990, 1991, 1993 and 1994). Today, RCR fields two full-time Monster Energy NASCAR Cup teams (Austin Dillon and Ryan Newman) and three full-time NASCAR XFINITY Series teams (Austin Dillon/Ty Dillon/Shane Lee/Jeb Burton, Matt Tifft, and Daniel Hemric).

Outside of racing, Childress is an active outdoorsman, conservationist, philanthropist and businessman. He is an honorary board member for the Congressional Sportsman's Foundation and serves as a board member for Growth Energy and the Boone and Crockett Club. He is also a proud supporter of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Ducks Unlimited, North Carolina Wildlife Habitat, National Wild Turkey Federation and Grand Slam Club/OVIS. He founded the Childress Institute for Pediatric Trauma in 2008 with his wife, Judy, with the goal of reducing death, injury and disability among children under 18. He is also the founder of Childress Vineyards, an award-winning vineyard and winery in Lexington, N.C.

Childress resides in Lexington, N.C., with his wife, Judy; his daughter, Tina; two grandchildren, Austin and Ty; and one great-grandchild, Oakley. Austin and Ty Dillon are drivers for Childress at RCR. ■



Carolyn Dodgen Meadows

Second Vice President

National Rifle Association

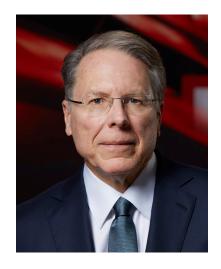
Carolyn Dodgen Meadows is the second vice president of the National Rifle Association of America.

An experienced political leader and activist, Meadows was elected to the National Rifle Association Board of Directors in 2003 and is a Benefactor member in the Association. She serves as Vice Chairman of the Public Affairs Committee and Vice President of The NRA Foundation Board of Trustees. She is also a member of the Finance, Legislative Policy, Meeting Site Selection and Executive Committees. Meadows serves as Chairman of the State & Local Affairs Subcommittee. In 2017 she was elected to her current position as NRA Second Vice President.

Meadows has worked on or managed dozens of county, state and national political campaigns, including campaigns for Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush and Bob Dole. She was an RNC National Committeewoman from Georgia and served as a National Convention delegate in 1992, 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008 and 2016. She is a member of the Advisory Committee for Republicans Abroad and has lectured in Paris, Rome and London. She is also the Second Vice Chairman of the American Conservative Union (ACU) Board and member of the American Conservative Union Foundation and the Council for National Policy (CNP) Boards. Meadows was appointed by the governor of Georgia to serve as Chair of the Stone Mountain Memorial Association Board.

Mrs. Meadows grew up in a family active in hunting and competitive shooting. She attended Georgia State University and later worked for Lockheed Martin, where she organized hunter and gun safety courses for the employees. Meadows spent time in Australia shortly after drastic gun control measures were enacted there, an experience which drove home for her the pressing need to protect our Second Amendment rights through legislative and social action. She and her husband Bob reside in Marietta, Ga. They have three married sons and seven grandchildren.

EXECUTIVE PROFILES WAYNE LAD LER



Wayne R. LaPierre
Executive Vice President
Chief Executive Officer
National Rifle Association

Wayne LaPierre has served as the executive vice president and chief executive officer of the National Rifle Association of America since 1991.

For more than two decades, Wayne has led the NRA through a period of unprecedented membership growth and political clout in defense of our Second Amendment rights. This increased power has been directed to the benefit of NRA members and gun owners. In large part because of Wayne's leadership, Right-to-Carry is now the law in more than 40 states. All 50 states have enacted laws to protect shooting ranges and all 50 passed legislation to protect hunters from harassment.

As a skilled hunter, from Chesapeake waterfowl to African Cape buffalo, Wayne understands the key role hunters play in wildlife conservation. Over the years, he has led NRA efforts to preserve the integrity of the Pittman-Robertson Act, spearheaded NRA programs for young shooters and hunters, and fought for the access of sportsmen and women—including the disabled —to public lands for hunting.

As NRA's principal spokesperson, Wayne is regularly quoted, debated and interviewed on the nation's most influential television networks, cable programs, radio shows and in national and global newspapers and magazines.

With a visionary understanding of the vital role of communications in spreading a message of Second Amendment freedom, Wayne has worked to ensure that NRA remains on the cutting edge of communications technology. To this end he established NRATV, offering the world's most comprehensive coverage of Second Amendment issues.

NRATV now broadcasts 24/7, bringing live news, commentary and lifestyle coverage on a wide range of Second Amendment topics, all managed by professional journalists, to report issues related to the Second Amendment directly to NRA members and the American public.



Wayne R. LaPierre
Executive Vice President
Chief Executive Officer
National Rifle Association

To promote the enjoyment of the shooting sports and the fun of safe firearms use, Wayne launched NRA Sports. Hundreds of thousands of new shooters and gun owners have been reached through the program, and today, more people take part in the shooting sports than those who fish, golf or play soccer.

Wayne is also a successful author. His latest book, *The Global War on Your Guns: Inside the U.N. Plan to Destroy the Bill of Rights*, exposes the worldwide movement to undermine and destroy American firearm freedoms. His previous books include *Guns, Freedom and Terrorism; Shooting Straight*; and *Guns, Crime and Freedom*, which reached #11 on *The New York Times* best-seller list in 1994.

Wayne's commitment to preserving Second Amendment freedoms extends to those safeguarded by the First Amendment. He has been a key strategist in opposing congressional efforts to restrict the ability of Americans to express their views during elections and is committed to the restoration and preservation of free speech for all Americans.

Backed by NRA's 5 million active members, Wayne has led NRA's efforts to restore the relevance and sanctity of the Second Amendment. Today, this right continues to be preserved by freedom's largest, strongest and most devoted grassroots organization.





John Frazer
Secretary
National Rifle Association

John Frazer is secretary of the National Rifle Association of America. He also serves as the NRA's general counsel.

Frazer was born and raised in New York City, where he saw the ineffectiveness of strict firearm control firsthand. He received his bachelor's degree in government and history from Bowdoin College (Brunswick, Maine) and a master's degree from the University of Virginia (Charlottesville, Va.), where he was also a teaching assistant in American government and political theory.

Frazer joined the NRA Institute for Legislative Action's Research and Information Division in 1993. In 1994, he became the executive assistant to NRA-ILA's Executive Director, and in 1997 moved to NRA-ILA's Federal Affairs Division, where for seven years he was a lobbyist responsible for relations between the NRA and House and Senate delegations from several states. In 2005, he returned to the Research and Information Division as deputy director, and became director in 2007. In that capacity, he was responsible for developing and reviewing materials for the NRA's work in advocating for the Second Amendment rights of Americans, ranging from magazine and online articles, to fact sheets and policy papers for use by NRA lobbyists, to legal briefs.

While working for NRA-ILA, Frazer attended night school at the George Mason University School of Law (Arlington, Va.)—now Antonin Scalia Law School. In 2008, he received his law degree and was admitted to the Virginia Bar. In 2013, he left the NRA to start his own law practice in Fairfax, Va., where he continued to advise and represent the NRA, along with a private clientele of gun owners, dealers, manufacturers and importers. He has taught at several continuing legal education seminars on firearms law. He is also admitted to practice in the District of Columbia and in various federal courts.



In January 2015, Frazer returned to the NRA as general counsel, and in April 2015, the NRA Board of Directors elected him secretary. In that role, he is responsible for administering and overseeing operations related to the NRA's board elections, board meetings and the Annual Meeting of Members, among other duties.

Frazer is an NRA Benefactor member and has shot competitively with pistols, rifles and shotguns. He is also a hunter, handloader and amateur gunsmith.

John FrazerSecretary
National Rifle Association





Chris W. CoxExecutive Director

NRA Institute for Legislative Action

Chris W. Cox has served as the executive director of the Institute for Legislative Action, the political and lobbying arm of NRA, since 2002.

As NRA's principal political strategist, Cox oversees eight NRA-ILA divisions: Federal Affairs; State & Local Affairs; Public Affairs; Grassroots; Finance; Research & Information; Conservation, Wildlife & Natural Resources; and Office of Legislative Counsel. Cox also serves as chairman of NRA's Political Victory Fund (NRA-PVF), the Association's political action committee; president of the NRA Freedom Action Foundation (NRA-FAF), which focuses on non-partisan voter registration and citizen education; and chairman of NRA Country, an effort to bring country music artists together with NRA members in support of our Second Amendment freedoms and hunting heritage.

Directing NRA's nationwide legislative and political efforts, Cox develops and executes independent, political campaign and legislative initiatives; coordinates national advertising and direct mail programs; and has administrative responsibility over NRA-ILA's \$33 million budget. He also serves as the Association's principal contact with the United States Senate and House of Representatives, the White House and federal agencies.

Under Cox's leadership, NRA has achieved some of its most significant political and legislative victories: legislation to protect American firearm manufacturers from reckless lawsuits brought by anti-gun mayors and gun control groups; a federal law, as well as laws in many states, to prevent government authorities from confiscating firearms from lawful citizens in the wake of natural disasters, such as occurred after Hurricane Katrina; legislation to allow lawful concealed-carry permit holders to carry firearms in national parks; Castle Doctrine legislation; national Right-to-Carry reciprocity; and more.



Chris W. Cox
Executive Director

NRA Institute for Legislative Action

When the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in the 2008 *Heller* decision that the Second Amendment guarantees an individual right to keep and bear arms for personal protection, Cox directed swift action to file legal challenges against gun bans in San Francisco and Chicago. In 2010, the Court heard NRA's legal arguments that the *Heller* decision should not just apply to federal enclaves, but to every individual, law-abiding American, regardless of where he or she lives. In June 2010, by a 5-4 decision, the Court held that the Second Amendment guarantees the fundamental, individual right to keep and bear arms for all Americans.

As chairman of NRA's Political Victory Fund, Cox has directed NRA's electoral campaigns at every level. From presidential campaigns to congressional, state and local races, NRA has achieved success at unprecedented levels. Today, NRA members benefit from tremendous political support in congressional, gubernatorial and state legislative offices across the country.

National television networks and cable news outlets, in addition to prominent daily and weekly publications, often seek Cox's insight on policy and political matters. He has been published in *The New York Times*, the *Washington Post* and other publications, defending gun rights and responding to media inaccuracies on a variety of firearm, hunting and NRA-related matters.

Prior to joining NRA, Cox served as a senior legislative aide in Congress, managing issues relating to the judicial system, criminal justice reform and firearm freedoms. He is a graduate of Rhodes College in Memphis, Tenn., where he earned a bachelor's degree in history with a minor in business administration. He grew up hunting and fishing with his father and three brothers in west Tennessee. Cox resides in Virginia with his wife, son and daughter.

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Josh Powell
Executive Director
NRA General Operations

Josh Powell serves as chief of staff and executive director of General Operations for the National Rifle Association of America.

After serving on the NRA Board of Directors for approximately three years, Wayne LaPierre tapped Powell to serve as the NRA's chief of staff in May 2016, and then appointed him as the head of General Operations in January 2017.

Josh began his professional career on the floor of the Chicago Board of Trade as a teenager attending Northwestern University. He started work as a floor clerk and rapidly rose to be a floor trader when he was 21. Seeking new challenges after 15 years of establishing his own trading firm and working in the derivatives trading space, Josh moved to his home state of Michigan, where he embarked on a consulting career for private equity firms and launched a number of startups.

Witnessing Chicago's steady downward spiral and rising violent crime rate also sparked Josh's foray into grassroots politics. A steadfast supporter of concealed carry, he grew increasingly frustrated at the glacial pace of bureaucracy and the reluctance of many to reach out to potential non-traditional allies and pass Right-to-Carry legislation in Illinois. So, while others wrote off inner-city legislators, Josh sensed a hidden opportunity with some. Joined by his wife and a friend, the trio established a PAC and personally visited churches all over Chicago's South Side and preached the merits of concealed carry. To the surprise of many political veterans, they were able to sway a few votes toward successful final passage of Illinois carry laws.

Josh's interest in the shooting sports and hunting was piqued when he observed duck hunting from a distance as a 12-year-old. He talked his mother into buying him a Remington 870 shotgun, and she helped him practice shooting clay targets with it. The Powell family soon taught themselves to hunt ducks from their boat. While building



Josh Powell
Executive Director
NRA General Operations

his skills and indulging his passion as a teen marksman, Powell also developed into an accomplished skier. He moved to Vermont to attend the Killington Mountain School, a preparatory school noted for producing a number of Olympic medalists and national ski champions. Powell then turned his focus back to the shooting sports. Today, he competes in shooting matches worldwide. He is an avid duck hunter and proud member of the International Order of St. Hubertus.

Josh is grateful for the opportunity to serve NRA members and to help in the fight for a freedom that has so deeply enriched his life. Like his mentor and boss, he believes that we can only win this fight if every gun owner and hunter in our country bands together and we all fight as one.