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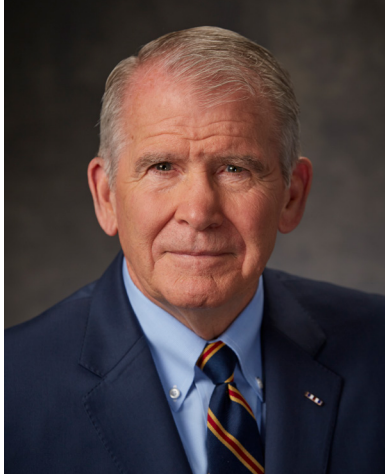
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LTCOL OLIVER NORTH



LtCol Oliver North is the president of the National Rifle Association of America.

Oliver North is a combat decorated U.S. Marine, #1 best-selling author, founder of a small business and holder of three U.S. patents. For 17 years he was a syndicated columnist and host of “War Stories” on Fox News Channel. In May 2018, he retired from Fox News to serve as the 66th president of the National Rifle Association of America. North is also the host of “Oliver North’s American Heroes” on the various platforms of NRATV.

LtCol Oliver North

President

National Rifle Association

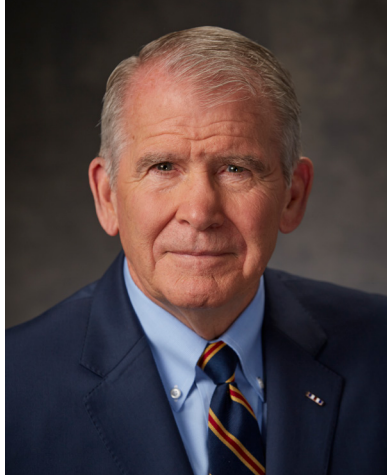
First elected to the NRA Board in 1998, LtCol North serves as chairman of the Military & Veterans’ Affairs, Meeting Site Selection and Executive Committees. He is also a member of the Public Affairs and Law Enforcement Assistance Committees.

North was born in San Antonio, Texas, in 1943, graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1968 and served 22 years as a U.S. Marine. His combat awards include the Silver Star, the Bronze Star for valor and two Purple Hearts for wounds in action.

From 1983-86 he served as counter-terrorism coordinator on the National Security Council staff. He helped plan the rescue of U.S. students on Grenada, the rescue of American hostages, the capture of the MS *Achille Lauro* hijackers and the raids on Muammar Gadhafi’s terror bases—after which he was targeted

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for assassination by Abu Nidal's jihadist organization. President Ronald Reagan described him as "an American hero."

North has authored 17 best-selling books and is co-founder of Freedom Alliance, an organization serving wounded U.S. military personnel and their families. He is widely acclaimed for award-winning FOX News coverage of more than 60 U.S. units in combat and his Freedom Alliance college "Hero Scholarships" for children of service members killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty. Yet he says his greatest achievement is being "the God-fearing husband of one, father of four and grandfather of 17."

He and his wife Betsy live in Virginia. In November 2018, they celebrated their 50th anniversary.

RICHARD CHILDRESS



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 as vice president of the NRA Foundation Board of Trustees and is an Executive Committee member. Childress is the co-chair of the NRA Hunters' Leadership Forum.

Richard Childress

First Vice President
National Rifle Association

Childress currently serves as chairman and CEO of Richard Childress Racing (RCR), a world-class stock car racing organization 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 Daniel Hemric) and one full-time NASCAR Xfinity Series teams (Tyler Reddick). In 2019, RCR celebrates its 50th anniversary, with robust content plans that will highlight current and former employees and industry personnel that have helped Childress get to where he is today, along with a focus on the importance of NASCAR fans.

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RICHARD CHILDRESS



Richard Childress

First Vice President
National Rifle Association

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 with his wife Judy in 2008 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 and her husband Mike Dillon are also located in Lexington and play pivotal roles in RCR's normal business operations. Childress' grandson, Austin Dillon, who drives full-time at RCR in the Cup Series, and his wife Whitney also call Lexington home. The younger of Childress' grandsons, Ty Dillon, who drives full-time for Germain Racing in the Cup Series, and his wife Haley, live in Mooresville, N.C., with their daughter Oakley.

CAROLYN DODGEN MEADOWS



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. In 2018 she served as the 65th president of NRA. She is vice chairman of the Public Affairs and Legislative Policy Committees, and is also a member of the Audit, Finance, Meeting Site Selection and Executive Committees. Meadows serves as chairman of the State & Local Affairs Subcommittee.

Carolyn Dodgen Meadows

Second Vice President
National Rifle Association

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.

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CAROLYN DODGEN MEADOWS



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.

Carolyn Dodgen Meadows

Second Vice President
National Rifle Association

WAYNE LAPIERRE



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, the 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.

Wayne R. LaPierre

Executive Vice President
Chief Executive Officer
National Rifle Association

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.

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WAYNE LAPIERRE



Wayne R. LaPierre

Executive Vice President
Chief Executive Officer
National Rifle Association

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.

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.

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WAYNE LAPIERRE



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 more than 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.

Wayne R. LaPierre

Executive Vice President

Chief Executive Officer

National Rifle Association

JOHN FRAZER



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 lower Manhattan—the birthplace of the NRA—where he saw the ineffectiveness of strict firearms controls 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 a teaching assistant in American government and political theory.

John Frazer

Secretary
National Rifle Association

Frazer joined the NRA Institute for Legislative Action's staff in 1993. For 20 years, he served NRA-ILA in various roles, including seven years as a federal lobbyist and nine years with the Research and Information division. In that division, he was responsible for developing and reviewing materials for the NRA's Second Amendment advocacy work, 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,

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JOHN FRAZER



John Frazer

Secretary

National Rifle Association

Va., where he continued to advise and represent the NRA as well as 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 overseeing the NRA Board elections, Board meetings and the Annual Meeting of Members, among other duties.

Frazer is an NRA Benefactor member, competitive shooter, hunter, handloader and amateur gunsmith.

CHRIS W. COX



Chris W. Cox

Executive Director
NRA Institute for Legislative Action

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

As NRA's chief political strategist, Cox oversees eight NRA-ILA divisions: Federal Affairs; State & Local Affairs; Public Affairs; Hunting Policy; Grassroots; Finance; Research & Information; Conservation, Wildlife & Natural Resources; and Office of Litigation 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, legal 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 and NRA-PVF's \$65 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.

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CHRIS W. COX



Chris W. Cox

Executive Director

NRA Institute for Legislative Action

Under Cox's leadership, NRA has achieved some of its most significant political, legal 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; Right-to-Carry reciprocity; and more.

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

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Chris W. Cox

Executive Director

NRA Institute for Legislative Action

campaigns to congressional, state and local races, NRA has achieved success at unprecedented levels, including the historic 2016 election of Donald Trump as president of the United States, which led to the confirmation of pro-gun Justices Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court. 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 and children.

JOE DEBERGALIS



Joe DeBergalis

Executive Director

NRA General Operations

Joseph P. DeBergalis, Jr. is the executive director of General Operations at the NRA.

Hailing from New York, the birthplace of the NRA, DeBergalis graduated from SUNY Buffalo State with a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in criminal justice, administration, research and training. He is a former law enforcement officer, staunch Second Amendment defender, shooting rights advocate and NRA Board member. Prior to his appointment to his current position in January 2019, he served as deputy executive director of General Operations. He is responsible for the direction and leadership for Education & Training, Hunter Services, Law Enforcement, Safety, NRA School Shield, Competitive Shooting, NRA Clubs and Associations, Shows and Exhibits, Community Outreach and the National Firearms Museums.

DeBergalis has a background as an NRA Training Counselor and a multi-disciplined certified NRA Instructor. He also served as vice president of the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association, the NRA's largest state affiliate.