



# LOCKED & LOADED

Your Roundup of Texas Tidbits

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### EVENTS:

**JANUARY 11 | AUSTIN**

**JANUARY 16 | TEXAS G.O.L.D.**

**JANUARY 19 | GONZALES**

**JANUARY 21 | MESQUITE**

**FEBRUARY 8 | IRVING**

**FEBRUARY 10 | HOUSTON**

**FEBRUARY 11 |**

**FREDERICKSBURG**

**FEBRUARY 16 | UVALDE**

**FEBRUARY 18 | VAL VERDE**

## A History of Constitutional Carry in Texas

A note from GOA Texas Director Rachel Malone

In 2013, I showed up at the Texas Capitol to tell the legislators to stop infringing on my rights and pass Constitutional Carry. I learned a few things that year. First, very few legislators care about my rights. Second, nobody knew what “Constitutional Carry” meant. Third, me showing up by myself was never going to be enough to protect our gun rights.

Over the next few years, I worked with others around the state to promote the concept of Constitutional Carry – which means, simply, “if you can own it, you can carry it.” If you can legally own a handgun, you should be able to carry it, open or concealed, without asking the government for a permission slip. We got the attention of Texan gun owners, filed bills, and brought hundreds of people to the Capitol to speak up for their rights. But it still wasn’t enough.

Since 2013, the total number of states with Constitutional Carry (open or concealed, without a license) has gone from 4 to 17. Unfortunately, Texas is not among those states. In fact, Texas isn’t even among the 31 states that will let you carry a handgun openly without a license.

This legislative session, with the Federal government vigorously threatening your gun rights, it’s critical for Texas to stand strong. But once again, it will never be enough just for me to show up. I need you! Please watch your email for my action alerts and be ready to jump into action to stand up for our freedoms.

[Subscribe to my email action alerts at gunowners.org/texas.](https://gunowners.org/texas)

## TAKE ACTION: 3 ways you can fight for gun rights this legislative session

### 1) Join GOA.

Go to [gunowners.org/texas](https://gunowners.org/texas). It’s only \$25 a year, and it helps us protect our rights and keep you informed.

### 2) Make phone calls.

There will be certain times when we need you to call a committee chair who is refusing to set a committee hearing, or a legislator who is the swing vote on stopping a bad bill from moving to the floor. We give you all the info in our action alerts, but we’re counting on you to follow through!

### 3) Testify at committee meetings.

Most bills die in the committee process. That’s why it’s critical to show up to committee hearings and give your opinion! Plan now to come to Austin at least once on a weekday during session, and watch our email alerts for details.

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**GUN OWNERS OF AMERICA TEXAS PRESENTS**

# **Texas G.O.L.D**

## **Gun Owners Lobby Day**

It's time for YOUR voice to be heard in the Texas Capitol!

You are your own best advocate, and we're here to help you stand strong for your rights.

**So, we are thrilled to invite you to the 2021 edition of Texas G.O.L.D.—Gun Owners Lobby Day.**

### **Texas G.O.L.D. Step One:**

Join us for our Zoom briefing on Saturday, January 16, 2021, from 12-3 pm. We will:

- Brief you on the gun bills being filed – both good and bad
- Give you effective talking points on all the major gun issues
- Connect you with other GOA activists in your district and help you develop an effective strategy

### **Texas G.O.L.D. Step Two:**

During the following month, we will:

- Help you set up a meeting with your State Representative and State Senator
- Give you materials and information so you can confidently lobby for your gun rights

**The most common excuse we hear from legislators who don't want to support your rights is, "I don't think my constituents want Constitutional Carry." Now is your chance to prove them wrong.**

**Sign up TODAY at [texas.gunowners.org/texasgold](https://texas.gunowners.org/texasgold)**

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