



2017 Priorities

The National Firearms Act Trade & Collectors Association (NFATCA) has entered its second decade of championing the interests of its membership and the NFA community. We have accomplished many laudable goals: saving thousands of transferable machine guns from contraband declaration, eliminating CLEO signature authorization for all NFA purchases for everyone, rolling back ATF's manufacturer definition and more. These are things that many claimed could never be done. We persevered.

The NFATCA sees an opportunity, with the newly elected administration, to make great strides in actions that will directly benefit the NFA community. However, we are cautioning our members and the NFA community to understand that there is no such thing as an open book wish list. Gains will be hard fought. Here is what we are focusing on for 2017:

Amnesty Registration is our number one priority. Whether it is in a form already authorized by Congress and signed into law or revised along the lines of a Veteran's Heritage Firearms Act. More NFA weapons available for more people more often. We will work closely with sister organizations to make this happen. Some machine guns may take a temporary drop in value because of this. So be it. Truly collectible and valuable machine guns will always retain their worth.

Rescind or limit the onerous registration and taxation of ITAR. State Department creates an unreasonable burden that must be dealt with.

Build upon previous NFATCA success in **defining manufacturing.** ATF has narrowed their interpretation, yet has refused to actually define it. Manufacturing should be limited to the creation of a firearm frame or receiver from raw materials. It should **not** include common operations such as

refurbishment or utilizing already manufactured frames or receivers or reactivation of unserviceable firearms (including NFA).

Remove flashbang devices from the purview of the NFA.

Eliminate the arbitrary and onerous restrictions set forth by the BATF regarding acquisition of so-called "post sample" weapons.

Remove the Sporting Purpose verbiage from 18 U.S.C. 925(d)(3). At the very least, force ATF to define it according to industry standard terms.

Repeal 922(r). This bit of regulation regarding the number of useable imported parts in a firearm serves absolutely no public safety issue.

Eliminate the confusion surrounding **M-2 Carbine definitions.**

Press for the update of the ATF publication, *The NFA Handbook*, originally created by

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The NFATCA proudly salutes and supports our first responders and those who unselfishly defend our freedom in the service of our country.

"Because ultimately, there is no greater threat to our freedom, than a lack of gratitude to those who provide it."

~ Mike Rowe, Dirty Jobs

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ **SHOT Show** – January 17 - 20, 2017, Las Vegas NV
- ◆ **Knob Creek Machinegun Shoot** - April 7- 9, 2017, West Point KY
- ◆ **NRA Annual Meeting** – April 27 - 30, 2017, Atlanta GA

FFL Compliance

The number one concern of the FFL community is compliance. Some of us do very well with compliance and others have an almost palpable fear of it. After all, there are literally 100's of tiny issues that ATF can cite you for. And some of these citations can result in your FFL getting revoked. Realistically, every single solitary firearms transaction can take a frustratingly long time to complete. There are electronic solutions out there. Some are woefully out of date. Some are clearly designed for huge enterprises and require an army of consultants to implement. The NFA community has demanded more.

More is here. We've looked at a lot of offerings and we've measured those offerings against a long list of mandatory requirements. It must be simple to use. It must be fast. It must be flexi-

ble. It must be accessible from anywhere. It must be 100% compliant with ATF regulations. It must enhance, not hinder, the customer experience. It must be affordable. And it must scale seamlessly with your business: from so-called "kitchen table" to multi-outlet. There is one:

We think that you will find that **FFL Boss** has the ability to bring your compliance management into the modern era without breaking the bank. As a matter of fact, it will likely wind up saving you money AND keeping you out of hot water at your next compliance inspection. The right information in the right place, with safe and securely mandated backups that you do not have to administer. Want to know more? Head over to <https://www.fflboss.com/nfatca.html>. Want to see a demo of just how easy it is?

That's easy, too. You can schedule a demo at <https://calendly.com/fflboss/group-demo>.

Make no mistake. If you are an FFL, you will get audited. A compliance audit can be intensely nerve-racking and you can be certain that your inspector will find issues. Why not take affordable steps to minimize the many areas of non-compliance that ATF is certain to uncover?





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Take extra time to make sure that the lessons of safe firearms handling, use and enjoyment are passed down to the next generation!

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One of the most common myths regarding the ownership of NFA items: “By registering, I’m giving the ATF and every other federal agent the ability to come inspect me at any time.” Many of you know that this is simply not true. However, the myth persists. There is not an outreach event that NFATCA has attended in the past decade where this passionate fear is not clearly proclaimed by multiple attendees.

The trepidation is palpable. People believe that filling out a Form 4 or a Form 1 is going to result in federal police showing up in assault gear at their door step, demanding to see the serial number on their recently purchased .22 rimfire suppressor. The Internet feeds the fear with the widely circulating meme of ATF showing up and killing your dog. And uninformed firearms dealers, usually ones who do not sell NFA items, are also complicit in perpetuating the just plain wrong state of affairs.

ATF can, and does, have the ability to show up and inspect the premises and inventory of federal firearms licensees (FFL’s). They can do this annually as a regular course of business and more often, with cause. ATF does not have this “power” in regard to individual and legal entity NFA owners. It doesn’t matter what you were told by your best friend’s cousin’s gun dealer in Rio Rancho, New Mexico. It doesn’t matter what the Facebook group that is the “ultimate” authority

on guns has posted. You do not give up your rights by registering the making or transfer of an NFA weapon.

“The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.” That would be the Fourth Amendment of



the United States Constitution. It applies to you and the ATF does not get to suspend it because you have filled out a form.

So when does the ATF get to come pay you a visit as an individual or legal entity owner of a registered NFA item? When they have probable cause that a federal law has been broken. The most common federal firearms statute violations are in 18 U.S.C. § 922, 18 U.S.C.

§ 924 and 26 U.S.C. § 5861 and a few others. The charges range from lying on a 4473 to obliterating a serial number, to all manner of prohibited person in possession. It’s also quite illegal to make an NFA firearm without registering it, sell an NFA item without getting the NFA form approved, possess an NFA item that is not registered to you... Do you see a pattern? If you follow the law, ATF does not have probable cause. However, a whole host of issues materialize when you screw on that un-

registered solvent trap to the end of your Remington 700 and then proceed to demonstrate how quite it is on your YouTube channel.

Machine guns are legal at the federal level. So are suppressors, short barreled rifles, short barreled shotguns, destructive device (such as grenade launchers!) and more. Your particular state of residence may not allow you to own, collect and use such items, and that is a considerable

issue. But registering these items in compliance with federal law simply does not give the ATF the green light to come kick in your door to inspect your Gemtech Halo in the middle of the night.

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The NFATCA will also be supporting the efforts of our sister organizations. The American Suppressor Association’s Hearing Safety Act has gained momentum in Congress. Indications are that if the bill gets to President Trump’s desk, he will sign it. Let us all work towards making sure that there are enough votes in the Senate to make that happen. The NFA Freedom Alliance will continue to work tirelessly at the State level on a host of critical issues and we will support those efforts, as well. Everyone has a role to play in moving the entire community

forward. We are stronger together than we are divided.

Make no mistake: The NFATCA would prefer that the NFA did not exist at all. No ridiculous restrictions on firearms and nonsense rules such as 922(o) and large caliber malarkey. But we also know that it is absolutely impossible to eat an entire elephant in one fell swoop. It must be done one bite at a time. So we will systematically work our agenda while understanding the need for incremental success in the context of our priority as a constituency. We will always need your help to accomplish more success. If you have

not joined, or renewed, head over to www.nfatca.org and do so today. And thank you!

