



SitRep: NPRM 41P

The comment period for the Obama administration's proposed rule to hamstring lawful NFA purchases by non-natural persons officially closed on December 9, 2013. Five months since, we are no closer to learning what the White House will do in the face of almost universal opposition. There is, however, some informed opinion as to how things might play out.

The NFATCA has diligently interviewed recognized experts in the legal, professional and association fields to obtain a consensus regarding what is to be. That consensus appears to believe that we are in a watch and wait mode that will likely not firm up until after the mid-term elections. Remember that this administration encountered nothing but failure when attempting to

control guns through legislative efforts. Faced with such a disappointing track record, Obama and his cronies attempted to force through regulation what could not be accomplished through legislation. A win of any kind needed to be manufactured and 41P's assault on corporations and trusts seemed like an easy win. It has been anything but easy.

And now the White House waits to see what will play out in the mid-terms to see what effect forcing 41P through might portend. 41P is facing a mountain of opposition at both the constituent level and in Congress. Certainly the White House is now examining the calculus of this regulatory effort in terms of how it

might affect the balance of power in both Houses of Congress. Forcing 41P through right now could prove to be a toxic and bitter pill for the Democrats.

Should the balance of power shift in the Senate and strengthen in the House, it is likely that this effort gets pushed back and delayed, possibly indefinitely. But if that does not come to be,



assume that the White House will be emboldened and will certainly force into being that which the public has clearly stated they do not want. NFATCA has already retained counsel to deal with this possibility. Please vote in the upcoming election and please continue to support the NFATCA.

Is eForms Dead?

No. But is certainly in a coma-like state. eForms was not ready for prime time and neither was ATF. The roll out was botched and the workload of the system was woefully underestimated. ATF's Marvin Richardson issued a letter on April 16th that detailed the massive spike in form applications, the concomitant growth of the processing backlog, and the ensuing paralysis of the eForms system designed to deal with the growth.

eForms was taken offline and has been "reset." It has been brought back online to deal Form 6 and 6A with a plan to bring back Forms 1, 2, 5, 9, 5300.11 and 10 "over the next several weeks." There is no estimate as to when Forms 3 and 4 (the most need for FFLs

and their customers) will be brought back online. Since the backlog of forms is now approaching 100,000, ATF has also begun hiring an additional 15 persons to assist in processing NFA applications, enlisted another existing 15 staff members for cross-training and has issued an "all hands on deck"



to attempt to whittle down the mountain of paper. NFATCA maintains the posi-

tion that this staffing increase should be triple or quadruple the stated numbers to have a real effect and should be made permanent.

Unfortunately, Mr. Richardson very carefully avoided giving any timeline for when Forms 3 and 4 would be available to eForms users. Subsequent ATF inquiries by NFATCA have yet to yield an answer. The party line is that "ATF has engaged world-class private sector companies to assist in enhancing eForms capacity and functionality to provide industry with the most efficient service possible." And while this burgeoning problem has caught the notice of national and local media, internet bloggers and

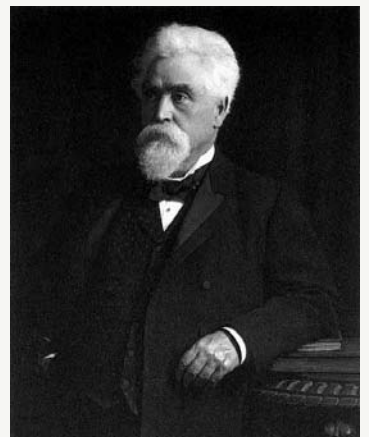
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"Guard with jealous attention the public liberty. Suspect everyone who approaches that jewel. Unfortunately, nothing will preserve it but downright force. Whenever you give up that force, you are ruined.... The great object is that every man be armed. Everyone who is able might have a gun." ~ Patrick Henry

NFATCA Upcoming Events

- ◆ Knob Creek Shoot, October 10-12, 2014, West Point KY
- ◆ SAR West, December 5-7, 2014, Phoenix AZ





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Teresa Starnes

It is quite rare to have the opportunity to meet someone who has the power to influence an entire industry or hobby. Teresa Starnes was such a person. Whether you were designing and building a modern sporting rifle, searching for a part to restore your vintage machine gun, soaking up the flavor of the Knob Creek shoot... or just rereading the DoubleStar catalog for the 43rd time... You were touched by Teresa Starnes' personality. Teresa never did anything half way. Whether it was raising a family, building a business, leading a community or sharing her own special brand of warmth and genuine concern, Teresa gave it her all. And although she is no longer part of this world, she will certainly be a part of all of our lives for generations to come.

Teresa "Nini" Perdue Starnes, 59, of Winchester went to be with The Lord on March 14, 2014. She was born to the late Mary Nickell and Jesse Perdue in Maysville, Ky on April 26, 1954. She graduated high school from George Rogers Clark in 1974 and received a Master's Degree in Education from Eastern Kentucky University in 1980. She married Jack Starnes on February 10, 1973.

She was a teacher in the Clark County School System spanning 15 years, finishing her career at Conkright Middle School in 1994. Together with her husband Jack, son Jesse, and daughter-in-law Stacy, Teresa helped build DoubleStar/

J&T Distributing from a "mom and pop" business to an international provider of AR-15 style rifles and accessories to the military, law enforcement, and commercial markets.

Teresa leaves behind family and friends who loved her dearly. She was a true friend and mom to all. Our hearts are filled with sorrow.



cies, numerous organizations that provide support for active U.S. Armed Forces and Veterans, and was a founding board member of the NFATCA.

Teresa is survived by her husband Jack Starnes; sons and daughter-in-laws Jesse and Stacy Starnes, Nick and Amanda Collier; Grandsons: Alex Starnes, Zach Starnes, and Baby Chase Collier; Sisters: Saundra Abney, Kim Kelly, Minnie Garrett, and Pam Isaacs; Cousins: Phyllis Hukle, Effie Leona "Sis" Bryant, Audie Bryant, Ann Wright, and Billy Bunnell; In-Laws: Joe & Diana Starnes, Chris and Gary Reffitt, Boyd Garrett, and Gary Still; Nieces & Nephews: Brian Starnes, Meghan Starnes, Calista Starnes, Christopher Blackburn, Shelly Blackburn, Thomas Blackburn, Alicia Branum, Candi Tuttle and children; and last, but NOT least her J&T/DSC family.

We will always treasure memories of her. Teresa was a member of Red House Holiness Church.

Teresa was a generous supporter of many organizations including Model Laboratory MPO, Hunt of a Lifetime, Paws and Stripes, Clark County Homeless Coalition, Special Olympics, Daniel Boone Pioneer Festival, Run for the Glitz, various state and local law enforcement agen-

The NFATCA will be establishing a scholarship fund to allow eligible competitive shooters to participate in the Spring and Fall Knob Creek competitions at no cost to themselves. Knob Creek was always a special gathering place for the NFA community and Teresa... Things will never be the same without her. Even so, we could think of no more fitting legacy than supporting an event that she cherished. Please join us in sending thoughts and prayers to Teresa's family and friends.

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forums and even members of the House and Senate, one must remain pessimistic about the sincerity of this administration's desire to properly address this area of tremendous concern.

So where does that leave you? Until eForms comes back online for general use, all NFA Forms applicants will need to revert to "paper" filing. Those who have made arrangements to file via fax may still do so, however, it should be noted that NFA Branch's fax lines are

currently swamped and it may take many attempts to get an application to properly go through. The rest should plan to do things the old fashioned way and actually mail applications to the address specified on the individual form.

We are told that forms that were already submitted via eForms should not be affected by the access restrictions. Forms that were in draft mode have not been submitted and should be filed via the paper route. It is assumed that eForms submissions that encounter problems will con-

tinue to be processed after corrections via the eForms system, though this has not been confirmed.

The hanging chad question now becomes whether Form 4 applications should wait until the eForms systems comes back to life and deal with a projected short turnaround for approval or just go ahead and file paper right now and deal with the current average wait of 12 months? There is no good answer at this point and hoping for a quick fix for a government system may prove to be a bit too optimistic.

