



## Amnesty: Is It Time? By John Brown

The most guarded subject in the world of NFA is being whispered in discussions across the country. The fact that discussions are even taking place is a huge development. Unfortunately, we all know that the subject of amnesty is one that usually results in broken dreams and dashed hopes.

The last amnesty registration period for NFA items was held in 1964. Although the amnesty statutes provide for additional amnesty periods, we all know that a "second chance" has not been in the cards. As many of you may remember from the 2008 SAR West show, the Assistant Director for BATFE, Carson Carroll, promised the entire crowd

that ATF had an interest in exploring the possibility of having another amnesty period, in an attempt to give veterans and their families a chance to register weapons that were not registered the first time around. Where do we stand?

On very thin ice. BATF conducted a detailed internal investigation to gauge the impact of another amnesty registration period. The results were very positive and the outlook is promising. But the environment is not so rosy. The BATF, like other federal agencies, is being managed with a very short reign by an Attorney General who is not quite a friend of the firearms community. This

presents a major conflict.

Do we charge forward with our demands to an administration that cannot hear? Or do we bide our time, building a stronger, more powerful case that cannot be ignored? In this case, patience is a needed virtue!

So we must wait, and we will wait for as long as it takes until there are more friendly minds that are in tune with keeping innocent people out of jail, just because they failed to register their bring-back trophy or because they missed the deadline at the post office for the tiny thirty day period. We must wait to win.

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### Points of Interest:

- ◆ Total forms processed in 2005 was just over 40,000.
- ◆ Total forms for 2007 was nearly 70,000.
- ◆ Projected total forms for 2009 is nearly 100,000 (around 1,000,000 firearms)

### NFATCA Upcoming Events:

- ◆ Knob Creek Fall, West Point, KY: Oct 9th-11th
- ◆ SAR West, Phoenix, AZ: Dec 4th-6th
- ◆ SHOT Show, Las Vegas, NV: Jan 19th-22nd, 2010

## NFA Forms to be Tracked



If you have been involved with the world of NFA for any amount of time you are aware that the time needed to process a form continues to grow. It's not just Form 4's or Form 1's. All of the forms are taking

longer because the volume of applications is up and the number of folks processing the forms is not. That is a recipe for delay. But just what can the applicant expect?

In the past, an applicant had to be content with casting their form application to the wind and waiting patiently. Dealers and manufacturers would offer guesses as to receipt, but that was all they could offer. Occasionally, NFA Branch would offer historical data to provide a glimpse as to how much

work had been processed. Those were valuable, but not predictive. Our community needs more!

The NFA Branch has agreed to provide a rather (continued, Page 2)



CLEO signatures, post-samples, amnesty, citizenship compliance, electronic forms, clarity...

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**Public Awareness**

The NFATCA continues to help raise awareness of NFA weapons with the public at large. How often have you heard "But I thought machine guns were illegal!" or "Silencers are only for Hollywood and the CIA!"?

While we may know that the opposite is true, many folks obviously do not. Our

Board members and other volunteers take the time to demonstrate their weapons at shoots all over the country. Kids and their

actually shoot them. Our Graphics Editor, Oleg Volk, was at a recent shoot in Georgia and was able to capture the wonder and fun of a young boy and his father shooting a suppressed weapon for the very first time. "The smiles on their faces stretched ear to ear after just the first shot!"



parents are invited to learn about NFA items and earn a chance to

Take some time to spread the good word about NFA. And take the time to snap some pictures of your effort!

**NFA Forms (continued)**

extensive historical data set to the NFATCA and has also agreed to continue to provide NFATCA with updated data for the purpose of offering insight to the NFA community and public at large with regard to NFA Forms. This data will then be analyzed and then presented free of charge on a new website: [www.NFAFormFacts.com](http://www.NFAFormFacts.com).

The website will track the

number of form applications submitted, the number processed and the number pending/outstanding. As the database grows, a predictive model will be displayed so that the viewer can gain a reasonable insight as to when he/she can expect to hear from the NFA Branch.

This effort will deliver unprecedented insight to the NFA Forms process and enable the

general public to know what is going on without any NFA Branch employee having to choose between customer service or forms processing.

*This project is an enormous undertaking. If you would like to sponsor this effort, please contact the NFATCA immediately at [info@nfatca.org](mailto:info@nfatca.org).*

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