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Second Amendment Foundation (SAF) launches its 'Capture The Flag' effort to challenge 'Red Flag' laws

Two days after filing a federal lawsuit challenging a so-called "Red Flag" law in Maryland, the Second Amendment Foundation is announcing the launch of a new project to take subsequent

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This new initiative is called "Capture the Flag," and it will



focus on abuses and mis-application of "Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO)" statutes which have been adopted by 21 states and the District of Columbia.

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Kraut said the project will initially focus on "Red Flag" laws in six states: California, Florida, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Washington.

"SAF has been concerned about

these statutes since they first started showing up," noted SAF founder and Executive Vice President Alan M. Gottlieb. "We have already taken legal action against officials in Maryland for an egregious abuse of the law against a citizen in Dorchester County. But all of these laws should raise alarms because they prioritize citizen disarmament ahead of due process, and that can easily lead to deprivation of rights under color of law."

Kraut said the fundamental flaw

in all of these laws is that they essentially consider people guilty until they prove themselves innocent, a concept diametrically opposed to the way our criminal justice system is supposed to work, where the burden of proof is on the state, not the individual. "When any citizen is unjustly deprived of his or her rights, it is an affront to all of us," Kraut observed, "and we must do whatever we can to prevent it, including challenging such laws in federal court. 'Capture the Flag' provides the means for us to seek out such cases and take appropriate action."

SAF encourages individuals residing in California, Florida, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, or Washington that have been subject to a baseless, groundless and unsubstantiated

ERPO to contact the organization by sending an email to info@saf.org with information regarding the circumstances surrounding the petition, order, and outcome.

The Second Amendment Foundation (www.saf.org) is the nation's oldest and largest tax-exempt education, research, publishing and legal action group focusing on the Constitutional right and heritage to privately own and possess firearms.

Founded in 1974, The Foundation has grown to more than 720,000 members and supporters and conducts many programs designed to better inform the public about the consequences of gun control.



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Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders' Proclamation for the 75th Anniversary Year of War Memorial Stadium, a Tribute to Arkansans who Gave Their Lives in World War I and World War II

WHEREAS: 2023 commemorates the 75th anniversary of War Memorial Stadium, dedicated in 1948 as a tribute to Arkansans who had given their lives in the service of their country during the two world wars;

WHEREAS: Over time, War Memorial Stadium has evolved into an active tribute to all Arkansans who have served and paid the ultimate price for their country;

WHEREAS: In 1947, the state legislature passed Act 249 to purchase \$500,000 in stadium commission bonds to help finance the construction of the stadium;

WHEREAS: On September 18, 1948, Medal of Honor recipient and former Razorback, Maurice "Footsie" Britt dedicated the stadium in "the memory of her native sons and daughters who have given so much that we might have our freedom";

WHEREAS: Over the years, military personnel have been honored at War Memorial Stadium through programs, tributes, and monuments;

WHEREAS: The first event at the stadium in 1948 was a University of Arkansas football game, and the venue has since hosted more than 200 Razorback football games with 152 victories;

WHEREAS: War Memorial Stadium opened with an original seating capacity of 31,000. The stadium's seating capacity increased to accommodate 53,727 in 1967 and again in 2010 to 54,120;

WHEREAS: War Memorial Stadium has hosted President Harry S. Truman, comedian Bob Hope, and the Reverend Billy Graham;

WHEREAS: War Memorial Stadium has welcomed world-renowned musical artists such as Elton John, Billy Joel, the Eagles, the Rolling Stones, George Strait, N'Sync, and Guns 'n Roses, drawing tens of thousands of fans for each show;

WHEREAS: War Memorial Stadium was listed on the Arkansas Register of Historic Places in 1998;

WHEREAS: In celebration of the stadium's 60th anniversary and as part of its rededication, the Sturgis Veterans Plaza opened in 2008 on the stadium's northwest side as a place of remembrance and reflection. The plaza includes a 25-foot "Stars and Stripes" sculpture designed by Kathleen Caricof;\

WHEREAS: In addition to the University of Arkansas, Arkansas State University, the University of Central Arkansas, the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, and Hendrix College have hosted sporting events at War Memorial Stadium;

WHEREAS: The Little Rock Rangers soccer team, a member of the National Premier Soccer League, calls War Memorial Stadium its home;

WHEREAS: War Memorial Stadium serves as host to the prestigious NJCAA Football Championships; and

WHEREAS: War Memorial Stadium has played a significant role in the culture of the Natural State as a symbol of the collective pride of Arkansans in their war veterans, as well as collective pride in the State of Arkansas, and the Razorbacks, as its playing field in central Arkansas.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim 2023 as:

"THE 75th ANNIVERSARY YEAR OF WAR MEMORIAL STADIUM"

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 25th day of August, in the year of our Lord 2023.

Have a safe Labor Day!



