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Message from District Attorney General on opposition to National Guard in Memphis



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MEMPHIS, September 19, 2025 - Topic A in Memphis is still the National Guard. While there are still more questions than answers about how the Guard deployment

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will go, I do have some answers about the law, and how I think the deployment should go. Federal law (the “Posse Comitatus Act”) bans the use of the military to do regular law enforcement. The law has exceptions, though, and one of them is

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the current situation, where our Governor has called in the National Guard. The federal government is relying in this instance on a certain provision of federal law under Title 32 of the U.S. Code dealing with National Guard training. It says that Guard members can be ordered to do “training or other duty” in this situation. The feds are using a broad interpretation of “other duty” to include ordi-

nary law enforcement, which is a relatively novel use of the term. A separate question is what powers the Guard members will have. If the Governor or local authority deputizes them, they could conceivably have the power to arrest and execute warrants. Or they could be limited to a support role only—which I think is the better course. There are plenty of administrative, logistics, transport, etc. roles they could do, to free up police and deputies to do the actual patrolling and arresting. It’s my hope and expectation that that is all they’ll do.

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And it’ll cost millions of dollars that could be better spent on other public safety strategies: a crime lab, police recruitment, and street-level violence intervention programs to name just a few--the latter of which have been recently defunded by the federal government.

But if the Guard is to come, they should play a support role. In DC, they’ve done beautification, including picking up trash. Here in Memphis we have a blight problem, and blight is tied to crime. We have blighted houses that need to be torn down or renovated—I’d love to see the Guard help with that. Above all, we need transparency and clarity from the get-go. Before any troops show up, the public needs to know for sure how many are coming; how long they’ll stay; where they’ll be; whether they’ll be uniformed and/or armed; and exactly what their duties and powers will be. And those powers should be restricted, so rights are protected, and trust is preserved.

Editorial

Let us be clear: We support the National Guard in Memphis

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Contrary to DA Steve Mulroy, let us be clear: IF Memphis political leadership had been effective during these years of Paul Young’s may- orship, Memphis would not have risen to the Number One crime city in the nation. Yet, Mulroy has no qualms in complimenting Young on his leadership. Memphis’ Soros-soaked leadership and reactionaries jumped on the Defund the Police movement. We have long supported our policemen. Yes, like in any profession, you have bad apples—some- times, even rotten ones. But overall like most citizens, they are decent people who want safety, too. Also, Mulroy states: “But if the Guard is to come, they should play a support role. In DC, they’ve done beautification, including picking up trash. Here in Memphis we have a blight problem, and blight is tied to crime. We have blighted houses that need to be torn down or renovated—I’d love to see the Guard help with that.” Again, if the DA believes Memphis has a “blight problem”, then that, too should have been taken care of long before President Trump de- cided to do his memorandum to “restore law & order in Memphis.” Mulroy’s aggressive fickleness to blame a “blight problem” for Mem- phis being Number One in crime has nil to do with solving the prob- lem but everything to do with those in charge not taking charge. We are sure those who have been shot up or beaten are not amused that their blood is a “blight problem”. Yes, Mulroy’s department along with some neighborhood leaders have been doing walks against gun violence. That’s a good thing, but we hope this is truly about gun vi- olence and not about the politics of gun violence. There’s a profound difference. Just as there is a difference between “blight” and “blood.” Just check with those who have lost loved ones or have been the vic- tims of Memphis crime. Yes, Mister President, bring in the National Guard!

20 years after Katrina firearms confiscation, SAF continues work to protect lawful citizens’ rights



September 23, 2025 - Twenty years ago, as the residents of New Orleans were reeling in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans Mayor C. Ray Nagin and Police Superintendent P. Edwin Compass III ordered law enforcement officers to seize lawfully owned firearms from civilians stating at the time “Only law enforcement will be allowed to have guns.” The Second Amendment Founda- tion (SAF), along with the Na- tional Rifle Association (NRA), filed suit against the city and, 20 years ago today, were granted a consent order forcing law en- forcement to immediately stop confiscating firearms. Thanks to the continued work of SAF and the NRA after Katrina, President George W. Bush signed the De- partment of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, which in- cluded provisions prohibiting the seizure of legally owned firearms during emergencies. “In the aftermath of one of the worse natural disasters this coun- try has ever seen, the mayor and law enforcement in New Orleans

“The New Orleans fire- arms confiscation fiasco is a perfect example of why SAF continues to work across the nation to defend, secure and restore our Sec- ond Amendment rights,” said SAF Executive Direc- tor Adam Kraut. “We want to make certain constitu- tional violations like what happened after Katrina are never repeated. In the past 20 years we have secured numerous victories, but there is still much work to do.”

unthinkably decided to go door- to-door confiscating firearms when citizens needed them most,” said SAF founder and Ex- ecutive Vice President Alan M. Gottlieb. “This case serves as a great reminder of why SAF must continue its critical work. The Second Amendment rights of American citizens cannot be wiped away just because a hand-

ful of people want to disarm a population.” In the 20 years since the unthinkable Second Amendment viola- tion in New Orleans, SAF continues to fight those who wish to trample our right to keep and bear arms. The organization cur- rently has more than 50 active lawsuits across the nation chal- lenging unconstitutional firearms regulations such as “assault weapon” bans, magazine capac- ity bans, young adult carry laws, “sensitive places” restrictions, red flag laws without due process protection, and many, many more. Most notably, SAF and its part- ners recently filed suit challeng- ing the constitutionality of the National Firearms Act and have petitioned the Supreme Court to review two cases challenging an “assault weapons” ban and the 18-20 handgun purchase prohi- bition. “The New Orleans firearms confiscation fiasco is a perfect exam- ple of why SAF continues to

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U.S. Rep. Bennie Thompson of Mississippi defends lawlessness of Antifa

‘Nuff said!, Bennie!



“Designating Antifa, which has no defined organizational structure or leadership, as a domestic terrorism organization is not only incorrect, it serves no purpose other than an excuse for the Trump administration to stifle dissent, investigate anyone, or any group, they don’t like, punish their enemies, and potentially label any American they want as a terrorist.” U.S. Rep. Bennie Thompson, a member of Homeland Security, Sep- tember 23, 2025.

U.S. Sen Blackburn introduces Undersea Cable Protection Act to strengthen national security

NASHVILLE, Tenn.- On Sep- tember 22, 2025, U.S. Senator Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.) re- leased the following statement after introducing the Undersea Cable Protection Act, which would strengthen national secu- rity and global connectivity by

safeguarding the United States’ submarine cable infrastructure: “Undersea cables are a critical component in our digital econ- omy protecting America’s na- tional security,” said Senator Blackburn. “The Undersea Cable Protection Act would ensure that undersea cables can be built and preserved without duplicative,

burdensome, and unnecessary federal regulations.” U.S. Representative Earl L. “Buddy” Carter (R-Ga.) led the introduction in the House of Rep- resentatives. The Undersea Cable Protection Act would strengthen national security and safeguard the United Please see sports -military 3

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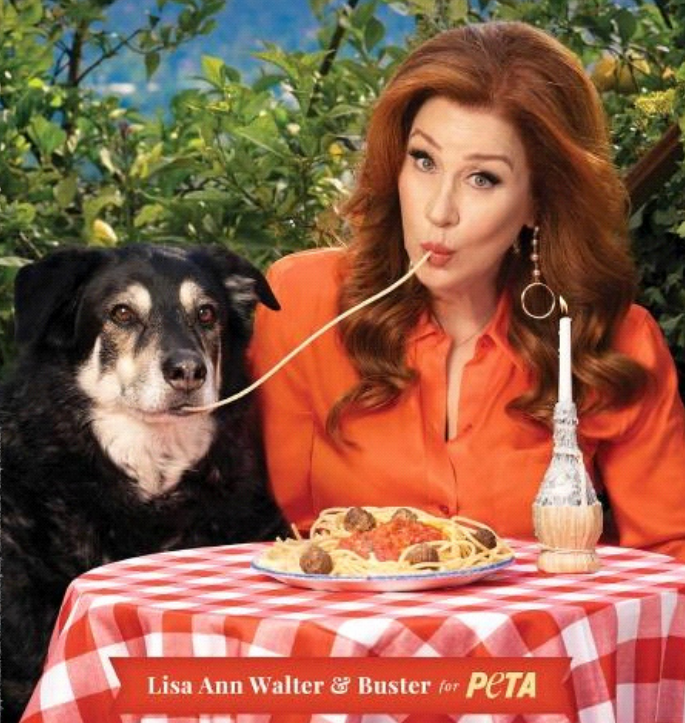


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