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I am in the hunting club Rhode Island raccoon hunters association. A member of the 4 degree k of c. (The patriotic order)

A proud veteran and member of the DAV.

I oppose the bill {lc1181/1} proposal to ban assault weapons? By definition it is not a specific term anyway.

At 18 I joined the navy and held a secret clearance . Part of my duty's as someone with clearance was a guard on a nuclear capable ship. (I neither confirm nor deny the use or presence of nuclear weapons)

Upon discharge I felt the need to protect myself! The detective in charge of that paper work got in my face literally and asked if I was angry with someone , why do I need a gun and he didn't like punks in his city with weapons . I explained I had a protected right to defend myself and currently still held a secret clearance.

Enforcing our laws and protecting them is everyone's job .

Please define an assault weapon? It's a vague term used by those who don't know weapons. Used to scare the public . Don't push scare tactics that will make the public less safe.

Of 190 countries America is in the top 5 worst for gun crime ? But remove the 5 cities with the toughest gun laws (disarming citizens) and we are 175 ...? The most safe place !

In vt they open carry. I stand behind ppl in coffe shops with pistols. It's a very polite society very respectful.

Push for training !! I'll back you !

John Thomson

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