

## From the President:

Dear SOAR Members,

During the February General Membership Meeting, several items were discussed and voted upon. Here's a recap:

1. Robert Murphy was installed as the Association Secretary replacing Sandi Benati. He will finish out her term of Office which ends on 12/31/24. We thank Sandi for her service and wish her all the very best.
2. It was voted upon and approved that the Membership would ask the Executive Board to consider changing our policy on candidate endorsements and if so changed, to what level? It was presented by me that SOAR may wish to support those candidates that support SOAR.
3. Sheriff's Counsel and Attorney Paul Ciminelli addressed those in attendance on HR218 and the recently passed New York State Gun Laws. Regardless of HR218 status, there are still carry restrictions under the new laws. Regardless, it is highly recommended that qualified members attain their HR218 certification. New York's new Gun Laws aimed (pun intended) at reducing gun violence will eventually be challenged in the Courts. It is Paul's legal opinion that much of the law is unconstitutional. Those wishing to attain their HR218 certification, should contact Ed Ramsperger at [depdare@gmail.com](mailto:depdare@gmail.com) or Michael Radler @ [mcsoradler@hotmail.com](mailto:mcsoradler@hotmail.com). Please be advised that SOAR is not associated with the Six Point Social Club which handles scheduling weapons qualifications, and all questions are to be forwarded to them.

I would like to mention that membership in SOAR has grown especially among the current members of the Sheriff's Office. Largely due to the incentive which allows new members to join with no dues required for their first year (2023). Those new members who were approved last evening (2/23/2023) were:

Keith Ball	John Kennedy	Richard V. Tantalo
Edward Cerrone	Matthew Knapp	Jeff Wagner
Steve DiFiore	Jason LaPlant	Paul Wegman
Neal Delisanti	Daniel Markle	Marc Ouzer
Thomas Doherty	Brian McMillan	Lance Duffy
Justin Reusch	Craig Endres	Joseph Rieger
Mary Farrelly	John Sanna	Andrew Foot
Rick Bancroft	William Smegelsky	William Harris
Scott Smith	Lance Hine	David Stulpin
Bleir Johnson	Wendy Tabone	

## Welcome All!

**The following is the opinion of Todd Allen and may not reflect the opinions of the Members of SOAR, the Officers and/or the Members of the Executive Board:**

*The recently passed New York State Gun Laws will continue to do nothing to curb the on-going violence in our communities. All it does, (as previously passed law, then ruled unconstitutional) is to advance the anti-gun, anti-Second amendment activist agenda in the mythical attempt to end gun violence in our State. The new restrictions to include the penalties for violations of these laws are harsh, arbitrary and only serve to persecute the law-abiding gun owner. It limits where you can carry your concealed and licensed firearm and how it is to be stored in your vehicle*

*as well as your own home. These provisions make it virtually impossible for one to be able to protect oneself, their family, or their home from the ever more emboldened and violent criminal element.*

*The ability to protect oneself against this growing threat IS NOT a political issue, but one granted by God and the Founders of the Republic. It is in that vein that I urge you all to support those who work or will work tirelessly to protect your Right to Keep and Bear Arms.*

*Even with differing opinions, most of us whether you be a Military Veteran, Active or a Retired Law Enforcement Professional, we all were sworn to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Rights enumerated there in and not just those you like. Afterall, it is the Second Amendment that ensures all the others.*

*Again, this is but my opinion and good people can have differing opinions. Should you wish to comment on this piece, I invite you to contact me at:*

*[tallen1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:tallen1@rochester.rr.com). Thank you.*

*Todd C. Allen*