

Joseph P. DeBergalis, Jr.



I want to thank the FCSA Board of Directors for endorsing my candidacy for the 2015 NRA Board of Directors elections.

As an FCSA member, I proudly carried an FCSA endorsement in the last election cycle and would consider it an honor to represent .50 caliber (and all firearms) owners again.

I humbly ask for FCSA members' consideration, when they cast their ballots for NRA Board of Directors. My biography and qualifications are listed below.

Yours in Freedom,

Joseph P. DeBergalis, Jr.

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Joe is a Life Member and former board member of the Fifty Caliber Shooting Association. As a second term NRA Board Member, he has dedicated himself to the protection of our rights to defend, use, collect, compete with the firearms of our choosing-most notably our beloved .50 caliber.

As an active NRA Board Member, Joe was nominated by the Nominating Committee to run this election cycle. He's currently the Chairman of the NRA's Education and Training Committee and Vice Chair of Action Shooting. He is a member of the Executive, Finance, Law Enforcement, Legislative Affairs and Sport Shooting Committees. Formerly, he vice-chaired the NRA Nominating Committee. In addition to his NRA work, Joe is currently the Vice President of the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association, the NRA's largest state affiliate. In this position, he has oversight of the NYSRPA's shooting sports including .50 caliber led by Director Marc Diana.

Legislatively, he is actively fighting the so-called NY SAFE Act and Bloomberg's gun control schemes in Colorado, California and across the nation. Through his leadership on the Education and Training Committee, the NRA are working cooperatively with Louisiana Shooting Unlimited to gain use of G.I. Bill benefits to be used towards NRA Instructor training opportunities across the country. As a strong proponent of the NRA's "Eddie Eagle" GunSafe Program, he is seeking to have this most worthwhile program delivered to every school aged child.

Along with former FSCA board member and fellow current NRA Board Member John Sigler, Joe co-sponsored a NRA Resolution reaffirming our commitment to all the shooting sports.

Joe is the founder of the very popular AR15.com Pro-AM 3 Gun Championship and an Advisory Board Member of the NRA's Disability Awareness Shoot. He further serves as an Advisor to 3 Gun Nation, the North-South Skirmish Association, Honored American Veterans Afield, West Point's Captain Houghton Memorial Match, the Joint Service Academy shooting events and the recently concluded "Trijicon World Shooting Championship," where he has always strived to include our beloved .50 caliber platform in every event possible. His passion for ensuring safe and practical instruction of firearms is epitomized in his work through the outstanding MGM Junior shooting camps and advocacy for the Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation.

Working with the great folks at the Pursuit Channel, Joe was instrumental in the creation of the "NRA Freedom Fridays" and NRA Country Sundays" block of programming. The high quality shows within these blocks, ensures that the NRA culture is delivered to over 42 million viewers each week.

As a 28 year veteran of Law Enforcement, he knows, firsthand, the need for the citizens of this great country to exercise their Second Amendment freedoms. As such, he is an NRA Training Counselor certified to guide new instructors into the field of firearms training and holds certifications in most of the NRA shooting disciplines.

"It was an honor to serve the Fifty Caliber Shooters Association as one of its Board Members. With the help of FCSA's great membership, I will continue to do so as *your* NRA Board Member. Thank you for the consideration of your vote."