“There will be a lot of stories in this book that will inform even those who follow the gun debate closely.”
— John R. Lott Jr., president of Crime Prevention Research Center

The Future of the Gun by Frank Miniter
Regnery Publishing; hardcover, 272 pgs.

You may know Frank Miniter from his pro-gun bestseller, The Politically Incorrect Guide to Hunting; and more recently, The Ultimate Man’s Survival Guide. Now he’s written an eye-opener that warns us that safety-enhancing innovations in gun technology on the horizon may never see their way to market if the gun-grabbers have their way. Miniter’s prescience adds a new dimension to current politics of gun control.

But before Miniter looks to the future, he goes back in time to present the reader with a fascinating history of revolvers, semi-automatic rifles, and handguns. The American story is not complete without an honest telling of the gun’s impact on securing our freedoms. How much did the patriots’ weapons have to do with their victory in the Revolutionary War? According to Miniter: plenty. American guns were technologically superior to those of the Brit ish, making it easier to shoot accurately from long distances.

But the future of guns is what makes this book an especially interesting read. For instance, how will 3D technology change gun-control policy? How will future military technology advance benefit private citizens? What will guns look like in the years ahead? How will they be sold? And will gun politics be likely to strengthen gun rights or lead to a further loss of freedom? Before you’re done with this book, you’ll read the stories of gun users, lobbyists, manufacturers, and enemies of our Second Amendment. They’re all part of Miniter’s engaging look at America’s past and future relationship with guns.

“Everyone, including advocates of gun controls, should find this pioneering and thought-provoking book essential reading.”
—James B. Jacobs, Warren E. Burger Professor of Law, New York University

Gun Control in the Third Reich: Disarming the Jews and “Enemies of the State” by Stephen P. Halbrook
Independent Institute; hardcover, 364 pgs.

Stephen P. Halbrook, having won three constitutional law cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, is a rare breed who writes gripping histories with prescience. His latest, Gun Control in the Third Reich, is a fascinating look back in a chapter in modern history. As well as a prescient lesson for contemporary defenders of Second Amendment rights. To fight inner-city violence and crime largely committed by recidivist criminals, gun grabbers in today’s America seek to ban the sale and possession of guns to law-abiding citizens. In the early years of the Third Reich, Hitler’s minions disarmed ordinary citizens ostensibly to control the violence of Communist and Nazi mobs. German Jews, the most reviled group in the country, were primary vic tims of the Nazi’s obsessive and ruthless disarming policies. Despite its enormous military might, the Third Reich was so intent on neutralizing its own population that it aggressively confiscated even small caliber weapons. Halbrook makes it clear that the insidious effects of this gun grabb ing policy were not just physical; it had a moral and psychological impact on German Jews as well. What will happen if the anti-gun crowd gets its way in America? Reading this chilling book will open your eyes to one of history’s most egregious precedents of total gun control and leave you with little to imagine.

SHOOTING SAFETY RULES
1. Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
2. Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.
3. Be sure of your target and what is in front of and beyond your target.
4. All participants must use eye and ear protection.
5. All participants must obey the command of their coach.
6. On command of “cease fire,” participants immediately stop shooting, continue to keep the muzzle pointed down range, remove fingers from the trigger guard and await further instructions.

Aurora Sportsmen’s Club
Rifle Cleaning & Maintenance Classes to be held in Waterman, IL
ASC Waterman, a CMP-affiliated organization, will conduct a class in the “Proper Care & Feeding” of your CMP-type rifle on the following dates:
— 2015 —
M1 Garand—Saturday, January 10, from 1-4 p.m.
M1 Carbine—Saturday, February 7, from 1-4 p.m.
AR-15 Rifle—Saturday, March 14, from 1-4 p.m.
Location: Clinton Township Community Center, 160 W. Lincoln Hwy.
(Rte 30), in downtown Waterman, just west of the traffic light at Rte.
30 and Elm Street. Parking lot across the street. Restaurants close by.
Cost will be $525 each. We will supply all cleaning gear, lubricants and tools (but bring your own cleaning rod if you can). Bring your own rifle ($10/rod). No ammunition. Proper disassembly, inspection, cleaning, lubrication and reassembly will be covered. Experienced competitors and collectors will be on hand to answer questions about your rifle.
Any Cleaning Party participant joining the Aurora Sportsmen’s Club within 60 days will receive a $50 discount.
Please RSVP to 815-264-9000, ext. 27, and leave a voice-mail mes sage for the clsess if you wish to attend, so that we can plan for the correct number of attendees. Please leave us your name and phone number in case of cancellation.

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