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## Letter from the President Welcome to 2011!

Despite last year's historic election, we are beginning to see that we must still fight to restore fiscal sanity and Constitutional principles to our government. Despite strong words about defunding Obamacare, and cutting spending, the Republicans in the House of Representatives seem very reluctant to take a stand on these principles.



Members of our group have met with elected representatives, both Republican and Democrat, and at both a state and federal level. It is our goal to remind them that they have taken an oath to uphold the Constitution, and that we expect them to keep that oath.

All of us should stay in close touch with our representatives, let them know when they are doing the wrong thing, but also let them know when they are doing the right thing. If an important issue is

before Congress, write to not only your Congressman, but to your newspaper, in support of the correct action.

Pay attention to your local representatives. This year, we elect members to the School Board, County Commissioners, row offices, judges, and many others. The actions of these people can also have a major impact on your life. They also need to be told when they are doing the wrong or the right thing.

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### 74 SENATORS INCREASE DEBT CEILING

August 02, 2011

112th Congress, 1st Session, Vote #123:  
74 Senators Vote for United States Debt Limit Increase

Read on to see the list of senators we must work to defeat in their next election—those who voted Yes to increase the debt ceiling so United States can continue to spend more and more.

Motion agreed to — 1/2 required  
Conservative Votes: Nay — 26  
Liberal Votes: Yea — 74

The vote was on whether to raise the debt limit by \$2.4 trillion. The bill sets up a framework that allows the debt to grow by \$7 trillion over the next decade, creates a 12-member "Super Committee" that has the power to fast-track tax increases, puts our AAA bond rating at risk, and never balances the budget.

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There is another thing I wanted to make very clear. I have been the President of this group for a couple of years. I spend a considerable amount of time creating agendas for our general meetings, and trying to plan activities for our group.

However, I never wanted this group to be solely focused on

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Peter Trippett  
President of  
The 9-12 Project of Central PA

my ideas or my agenda. I fear that if one person has too much influence, others may come to feel disenfranchised. We need to discuss issues of interest to all. This is your group – more so than mine! And, if we are to keep our freedom, we need more leaders!

If you have an idea, an activity, a topic, or a debate; if you would like time to present your ideas to the group; if you are supporting a particular candidate; or if you are a candidate and would like to speak to our group, please contact me, let me know your idea, and how much time you would need to discuss it. I will arrange time at an upcoming meeting for you to do so.

And, finally, thank you all for caring about our country!

-Peter Trippett, April 2011

# SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL SHERIFF

## The Sheriff Project in Centre County PA...

The Sheriff Project is a grassroots movement recognizing Sheriffs as the chief executive officer of their respective counties and involving Sheriffs who commit themselves to abide by their oath of office to uphold the Constitutions of both the United States and their individual state. This oath entails the protection of rights of individual citizens from violation even by governmental entities.

The Sheriff Project arose from the work of Sheriff Richard Mack, who along with Sheriff Jay Printz of Montana won a Supreme Court case (regarding the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act in June 1997) entitled “Printz, Sheriff/Coroner, Ravalli County, Montana v. United States.” Justice Antonin Scalia wrote the related opinion, which upheld the principle that the Constitution of the United States does not provide any basis for the federal government to impose requirements on the executive branch of the state governments to execute federal government responsibilities.

This court case was just another step for Sheriff Mack in his personal commitment to abide by his oath of office. Subsequently, Sheriff Mack wrote a booklet entitled: The County Sheriff: America’s Last Hope. This explains the Sheriff’s role and his or her primary duty to protect the rights of individual citizens, and as such became a foundational document for the Sheriff Project. (See below for an Internet link to the booklet in PDF format.)

In order to further Sheriffs’ recognition of their duty to abide by their oath of office, it is critical that they and their deputies know and understand the federal and state Constitutions, with a corollary that citizens also be so

informed. Such education serves to support citizen recognition of the Sheriff’s role as the chief executive officer of the county as well as Sheriff accountability to the citizens they promise to protect. Due to the lack of such education in the states at large, the role of the Sheriff in some states, including Pennsylvania, has been gradually diminished, with Sheriffs essentially losing all of their executive functions and subsequently citizens losing protection against violations of their rights.

Our group, The 9-12 Project of Central PA, became involved with the Sheriff Project in 2010, beginning with discussions and formation of a committee to guide our efforts. Very fortunately, in early 2010 Peter Trippett met Mr. William Reil, the state coordinator for the Sheriff Project. Mr. Reil provided us with basic information and documents related to the role of the Sheriff and the Constitution.

He then spoke at our May meeting, providing a comprehensive understanding of the Constitutional basis for the role of the Sheriff as the primary and ultimate protector of citizens’ rights.

During this same time period movement was being made

to meet with our own Centre County Sheriff, Denny Nau. Again by great fortune one of our members, Ron Reese, knew Sheriff Nau personally and spoke with him about our group, dispelling some of Sheriff Nau’s concerns that we might simply be some kind of extremist group with no solid philosophical and Constitutional basis for our opinions. As a consequence, we were able to have our first meeting with Sheriff Nau in May. At that meeting we learned that Sheriff Nau had been long frustrated over the gradual



Centre County  
Sheriff Denny Nau

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Patricia Walsh  
Former Task Force Chair of the  
Sheriff Project of Central PA,  
The 9-12 Project of Central PA



William Reil

marginalizing of Sheriffs in the state of Pennsylvania. He identified the PA Supreme Court as largely responsible due to court decisions limiting the Sheriffs' authority. We observed to him a parallel in the undermining of citizen rights. From Sheriff Nau, we learned of Sheriff Association plans to reinstate Sheriff authority through legislation. However, we raised our concerns that doing so would, in the end, very seriously undermine Sheriff authority, as it would then make such authority dependent on the legislative branch of government.

We suggested the need for Sheriffs simply to assert their authority as chief county executive as vested in them by the Constitution. While Sheriff Nau agreed, noting his opposition to the plan and his insistence that Sheriff authority comes from Common Law, he also realistically noted the difficulty of challenging the PA Supreme Court. We acknowledged the need for citizen support of the Sheriffs, as they are fighting "city hall" as it were. We all agreed that the political will to reinstate the authority of the Sheriff as indicated in the PA Constitution will depend on pressure from the citizenry in concert with the Sheriffs themselves.

In a second meeting held in July, William Reil, PA coordinator for the Sheriff Project, met Sheriff Nau with us. It was then that we began considering actions. We agreed to organize a statewide meeting of Sheriffs for the purpose of presenting the project to them, getting their feedback and concerns, and formulating plans. The statewide Sheriff Project meeting took place on October 7, 2010 in State College, with more than 90 participants including citizens and Sheriffs from 14 counties. We had the incredible good fortune of having Sheriff

Richard Mack there for presentation and discussion. Mr. William Reil did a briefing on constitutional history and law, the loss of liberty in our time, and the rights and responsibilities of Sheriffs and citizens. Ms. Donna Fike, the PA State co-coordinator of the Sheriff Brigade, discussed the Sheriff's Brigade and its role in supporting the Sheriff. Sheriff Mack spoke of the power and importance of the Supreme Court decision that declared federal government mandating responsibilities for Sheriffs unconstitutional. The meeting concluded with a discussion on citizen concerns and steps to take in the future, with Sheriff Nau as part of the discussion panel.

As is the case with all worthy projects it takes dedication and commitment to keep moving forward. It is up to us, what comes next for the Centre County Sheriff project. We welcome anyone who would be interested in joining the project. Please contact the current coordinator Thomas Brown at [thomas.g.brown@hotmail.com](mailto:thomas.g.brown@hotmail.com) for information. Meanwhile we recommend reading Sheriff Mack's booklet *The County Sheriff: America's Last Hope*, which can be found on the Internet and downloaded at: <http://www.callingallsheriffs.info/AmericasLastHope.pdf>.\*\*\*

Armed with knowledge and willingness to make our views known we can restore our Sheriff's rightful place in our community and, along with it, our liberties as protected by the Constitution.

-Patricia Walsh, April 2011

\*\*\* This URL appears in the print copy of this newsletter and is a broken link as of 11-06-11. Try [www.SheriffMack.com](http://www.SheriffMack.com) instead.

## past meetings

Jul.

### Your Vote

The Effective Use of Your Vote

Aug.

### Planned for Restoring Honor Rally

Planned for August Restoring Honor Rally and September Taxpayer March on Washington, D. C.

Sept.

### Sheriff Project Guests Nau & Reil

The Sheriff Project with special guests Sheriff Denny Nau and Constitutional authority William Taylor Reil

Oct.

### Importance of Citizen Participation

And a list of our concerns was sent to subscribers of the *CDT* on a flyer that produced seventeen new meeting attendees. Correction: In 2010, the elected officials had NOT voted themselves raises while denying cost-of living increases to citizens on fixed incomes. We continue to be very proud of our effort; the concerns remain very relevant today.

Nov.

### Effectively Communicating with Electorate

Creating Effective Channels of Communication With Elected Officials

Jan.

### Promoting Fiscal Responsibility, Constitution Study

Promoting Fiscal Responsibility, Developing an Incremental Plan of Study of The Constitution, and Maintaining effective communication with newly-elected and re-elected representatives of the people.

Feb.

### Candidates Showcase, Constitution Study

Showcasing current candidates for election to Centre Co. offices\*\* and part one of the DVD series based on The Constitution created by Michael Badnarik.

Mar.

### Discussion of Concerns, Constitution Study

Part two of the DVD series on The Constitution followed by a discussion, which resulted in our press release stating our concern about GT Thompson's vote on the Continuing Resolution. Eighteen of us visited GT's Office in Bellefonte the next day and spoke with his staffer.\* We followed this on Saturday with a meeting with GT himself. Some Lewistown tea party people came on Saturday, too.

### \* Thanks, Tom!

\*Thanks to our Citizens' Action Committee Chairman Tom Martin for the Candidates' Showcase and for arrangements for meetings with G. T. Thompson.





# RESTORING HONOR

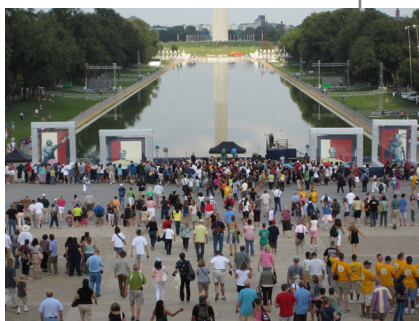
## our trip to the rally, August 2010

Early Saturday pre-dawn, three buses left the Fullington Bus terminal for the trip to Washington DC, filled with single travelers, friends, and families, all anxious to discover what the day would mean to them.

After a smooth trip and a not too lengthy wait in line to park at RFK stadium, the group faced the challenge of getting to the Mall. Metro was not well prepared for the onslaught of riders. Those in our group on the first two buses received their pre-paid metro passes and were able to by pass the extremely long lines into the metro station. Those on bus three were not so lucky, some waited in line, some chose to walk.

Arriving at the Mall, it was apparent that many had started out much earlier than we did, perhaps the day before; the Mall was packed! Aerial photos show a sea of people from the Lincoln

Memorial to the reflecting pool and beyond...but why had so many gathered from across the country?



It was not politics, it was not anti-war, and it was not anti anything. We came together to stand with others that share our common belief in honor, integ-

rity and truth. It was a rally of believers in the greatness of this country because of the honor of its people.

Glenn Beck put together a photo scrapbook of the event and the days of preparation leading up to it entitled *Miracle on the Mall*.

On the last page, superimposed over an aerial photo he writes, "History will now judge what 8-28 was really all about and what impact it had.

Until then I know that for sure: on this day...

Faith was reaffirmed

Hope was reclaimed

Charity was rejuvenated, and Hope, at least for one day in Washington, was restored."

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## Vitamin O

## America's Healthy Addiction to Oil

A report on the November 2010 presentation by Alex Epstein of the Ayn Rand Center for Individual Rights. This timely and enlightening comparison of Oil to Green Energy was delivered at a meeting of the Penn State Objectivist Club.

Epstein began by stressing the importance of oil and emphasizing that oil itself was not the problem. "Oil is indispensable around the world. It is 'Superman' in a bottle. It is the superstar of our economy. Americans use one billion gallons a day."

### uses of oil

Because oil's hydrocarbons can be readily separated by chemists, 15% of it can be used for numerous petroleum products such as medications, plastics, paint, laminates, ink, rubber, and fertilizers. "Hospitals are monuments to the use of oil," Epstein said. The remaining

85% is used for portable power. Transportation is only a partial use. Oil makes extraction of raw materials easier and assists in the construction of homes, airports, solar farms, and wind farms. It is also a widely used source of heat.

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>> The day ended as it began with a metro ride or long walk back to RFK, and the bus ride home to State College. For some, this day may have been a life-altering event, an opportunity to be a part of something bigger than them, or maybe just an opportunity to say, "I was there." Some may have left disappointed, having expected more and, for some, the true impact of 8-28 may still be working on them.



Photos are of 8-28-10 day-of and of 8-27-10 prep-day activities.

**For all, it had to be apparent that "you are not alone."**

-Ann Larson, June 2011

"A government big enough to supply you with everything you need is a government big enough to take away everything that you have."\*

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*You can read an article written about this quote and concept by our 9-12 group's president Peter Trippett on our website, listed below.*

*Thanks to Dr. Kistner for supporting our newsletter!*

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He is a specialist on oil, energy, morality of capitalism, antitrust, capitalism, the free market, and free trade. He is a frequent speaker at universities around the country, guest on nationally syndicated radio programs, as well as a guest panelist on the popular *Front Page* show on PJTV.com, and author of numerous articles on oil and energy, including, most recently: *Energy at the Speed of Thought: The Original Alternative Energy Industry*. His op-eds have appeared in such publications as the *Wall Street Journal*, *Detroit Free Press*, *Houston Chronicle*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Washington Times* and *Investor's Business Daily*.

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# Alex Epstein's oil presentation

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## myths and the 3 Fs of oil

**Oil is Finite. Myth No. 1:** Because oil is finite, it will inevitably run out and destroy our economy. He stated that there are 9 trillion barrels in the earth today. That's a lot of oil. A truly free market would enable us to find superior substitutes long before we run out.

**Oil is Foreign. Myth No. 2:** Curbing consumption of foreign oil would help stop terrorism. Alex reminded us "Oil is the engine of a developed economy." Terrorist threats must be addressed through direct, decisive action and not by starving ourselves of vital oil.

**Oil is Filthy. Myth No. 3:** In its natural form it can negatively impact the environment when not properly handled and so must be handled safely. Because the burning of oil produces CO<sub>2</sub>, oil is a deadly pollutant that must be severely capped and replaced by "green" energy sources. Actually, fossil fuels supply 86% of the world's energy. That energy makes the

difference between 40-year life expectancies in undeveloped countries and 80-year life expectancies in industrialized countries.



Oil is used for plastics and medications.

there is no evidence whatsoever that these sources can provide the combination of attributes necessary to provide industrial-scale

power—attributes of abundance, high-energy concentration, and reliability.

## green energy—supplemental source

Green Energy cannot replace oil; it can only supplement it. With respect to the 3 Fs of Oil, Green Energy may appear to be renewable, domestic, and avoid impacting the earth. But we know that wind turbines create noise and millions die annually from respiratory illness from burning wood and animal dung for energy. What these people need is not a static average global temperature. They, and we, need capitalism and cheap energy. Green Energy solutions are intermittent, as opposed to constant, and are difficult to harness, control and concentrate. Only 2% of the world's energy is produced by "green" sources such as wind, solar, and biofuels in spite of more than three decades of subsidies. Yet,

## green privileges vs. oil restrictions

Although Green Energy is only a supplemental source, environmentalists have been giving it many special privileges while placing many restrictions on oil development. This action, says Epstein, is a real threat to our future. "Oil is essential to human life and we have the technology to develop it but lack the freedom essential for growth. Man is to use nature, not the other way around. The crusade regarding oil should be for its better use, rather than stopping the use of oil."

by Bette B. Jackson and Wendy Brown

## Oil and Green Energy

Interested in reading more about the topic?

### Three Myths about Oil: Forbes Commentary

Published June, 18, 2010

<http://www.forbes.com/2010/06/18/oil-spill-economy-terrorism-opinions-contributors-alex-epstein.html>

### The 6 Myths about Oil: Fox News Opinion

Published December 29, 2010

<http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2010/12/29/myths-oil/>

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### These 74 Senators Voted to Raise Debt Ceiling

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## Who is The 9-12 Project of Central Pennsylvania?

### You are not alone! GET INVOLVED!

September 12, 2001— one day after a major attack against our country— we came together, united in our grief, and united in purpose. If we were able to unite on September 12, can we not unite now in a common purpose?

As a part of a network across the country, The 9-12 Project of Central Pennsylvania seeks to unite Americans to peaceably restore the principles and values established within the Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights.

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