



## Louisiana Open Carry Awareness League

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Hello! Speedy Mercer here, your VP and Media Admin for the Louisiana Open Carry Awareness League welcoming you to our newsletter!

- **Elections**

It's time to start thinking about the coming chapter and League elections as they are just around the corner! Would you like to hold an office or nominate someone for office?

- **OC awareness activity**

We have been working on getting together a list of Gun/OC friendly lawyers. We will be doing a mass mailing to lawyers in the state to locate those that fit our member's needs and to spread the word that we are out there and a valuable source of Open Carry information to them. We have also been working on getting out our tri-folds to our core group at area gun shows. We are thinking of purchasing some inexpensive cardboard holders for our tri-folds to be used at Gun Shops and places that like that that are willing to have our pamphlets on their counters. We are also considering purchasing some yard signs and "Guns Save Lives" stickers to be passed out at public events, and gun shows etc.

- **Area/Regional Coordinators**

We have voted to go to Area/Regional Coordinators in place of Chapters to fill out the remaining areas of the state. These Coordinators will be able to hold meetings and act as LOCAL's representatives without the overhead of having 3 officers (President, VP & Treasurer/Secretary) as a requirement. We need

coordinators in Baton Rouge, Lafayette and the Monroe/West Monroe area as it stands. If you are interested in being a Coordinator, please contact either Steve Raccke or myself and we will go from there!

Speedy Mercer

League VP, President, Northwest Chapter of LOCAL

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- **Treasurers Report**

Philip reports that with our Chase Bank account and PayPal accounts, we have \$2,900 at this time. Philip reports "I got Chase to wave the monthly fee because of my military veteran status but had to buy checks."

- **From the President**

I want to encourage all of our members to look at what LOCAL has done and to think how we can continue to grow and fulfill our Mission. Is there a way you can help LOCAL inform the public about our rights to carry firearms legally? Do you have an idea that would be able to get our message out in a positive way? We want to hear what you have to say. Have you been active in the past but lately have spent less time involved with LOCAL? Contact me on the forum and let me know what happened and tell me how we can accommodate you better. Give me your opinion of what LOCAL needs to do to deserve your time and energy again.

We have over 100 members scattered across Louisiana. Over 2100 people have found us on social media. We have given out thousands of pamphlets at gun shows and retail businesses. We have networked with other pro-gun groups. We are constantly working to keep LOCAL growing and active. I regularly post to the forum about what I've been doing for LOCAL. So I won't do that here.

I want to recognize the hard work of my fellow LOCAL officers:

Vice President Speedy Mercer has used his computer programming skills to update our webpage and manage new and renewing members. Anytime a new member joins he manages their forum status. He has also set up LOCAL accounts across several social media sites to reach hundreds of people we were

not communicating with before. He has designed several products which are for sale at Zazzle including LOCAL t-shirts and coffee mugs.

LOCAL Secretary and Treasurer Phillip Heustis has worked with Chase Bank on setting up our business checking account and is keeping track of every penny LOCAL gets and spends. He has been maintaining all of the paperwork resulting from the Incorporation of LOCAL and is doing a first rate job keeping us legal and solvent. He keeps track of any mail we get and makes sure all of our activities are in line with our Mission Statement.

Florida Parish President Wolf Peterson has been working tirelessly putting pamphlets at gun shops and other businesses in his area and setting up meetings at different locations and on different nights. His efforts have brought us several new members and has introduced LOCAL to scores of citizens across the region. He doesn't post much on the forum but he is active out in the real world putting the word out.

South East Chapter Vice President Georg Jetson has been there from the beginning. He served as League President when Jerry had to give up the position. When Georg stepped down as President and I took over I knew he would still be there to offer advice and step in to help when needed. Georg has done both and more several times. He almost never gets any credit or recognition for the work he does. He has been there to discuss legal issues with members and to act as Devil's Advocate when needed. Georg is the guy who can see different sides to an issue and find a solution to a problem that others may not have been able to solve. LOCAL is lucky to have him.

LOCAL has lots of great members. We have plenty of potential to be a positive influence in the gun rights movement in Louisiana. We've come a long way and are doing well.

Carry safely and responsibly. Get training whenever possible and practice your training often. Be a role model for gun owners whenever you open carry.

Steve Raacke,  
LOCAL President and South East Chapter President

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