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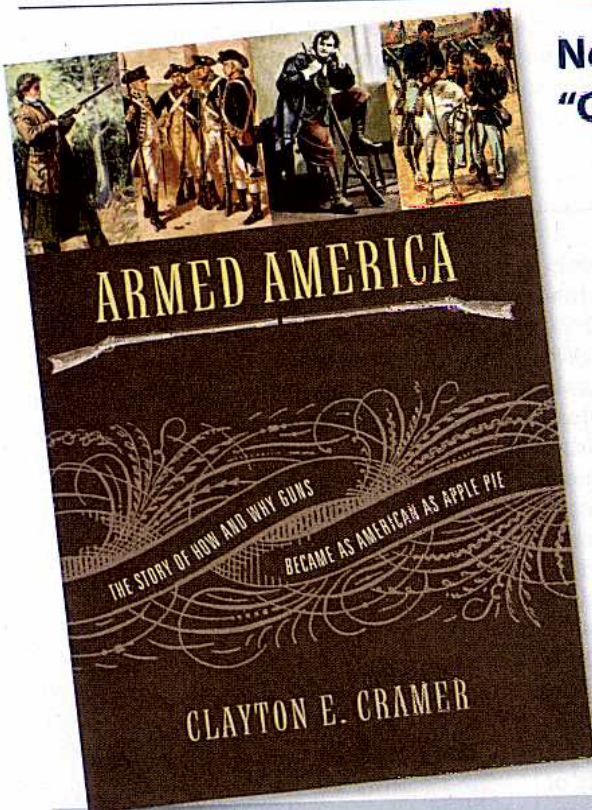
ILA Head Chris Cox Honored At SHOT Show

Chris W. Cox was honored at the 2007 SHOT Show in Orlando when Taurus USA President Bob Morrison presented him with the 2007 Taurus Defender of Freedom award. The statue is inscribed: "Chris W. Cox, Executive Director, NRA Institute for Legislative Action. Taurus International honors you for your lifetime of service to your fellow man and your defense of the Second Amendment and Defense of the Freedoms Americans enjoy and that you have helped to perpetuate."

NRA-ILA To Hold Special Event At Busch Family Estate In St. Louis

NRA-ILA will hold the first-ever fund-raising auction and dinner to raise vital funds to protect our Second Amendment freedom and hunting heritage during the 2007 NRA Annual Meetings. The theme of the April NRA-ILA event is "Celebrating the Artistry of the Gun," and as part of this effort, a request has been made to the presidents of each major firearm manufacturing company to create one custom-designed, high-quality firearm for the auction.

The NRA-ILA event will occur on Friday, April 13, 2007, at Grant's Farm, the Busch family estate in St. Louis, Mo. This spectacular 281-acre public wildlife preserve and home to the world-famous Budweiser Clydesdales also contains the original home of NRA's third president, Ulysses S. Grant. Grant lived in the home between his service in the Mexican and Civil Wars.



New Clayton Cramer Book Says "Guns As American As Apple Pie"

Author Clayton E. Cramer, whose byline first appeared in NRA publications 17 years ago, has an important new book out, and just from its title alone—*Armed America: The Story Of How And Why Guns Became As American As Apple Pie*—it's sure to set teeth on edge among the anti-gun crowd.

In part, the volume is the culmination of work Cramer began in 2000 when he sounded the alarm about historian Michael Bellesiles' curious book that asserted guns were very scarce in America before 1840 and that few Americans hunted. In large measure due to Cramer's work, Bellesiles' anti-gun propaganda was exposed. As historian Joseph Stromberg put it, the Bellesiles "book is really about public policy and the class hatred felt by many intellectuals for a broad section of the American people."

On the other hand, Cramer's *Armed America* shows that firearms have always been a fundamental part of American life. Equally important, it shines the light of truth on academicians and institutions of higher learning that have come to champion ideology over history.

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