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Hello this is Gene Owens. Today's Community Comment is about the Second Amendment. The Second Amendment is in the Bill of Rights which was added to the United States Constitution in 1791 for the purpose of preventing government abuse of its limited powers. It is important to realize that the Bill of Rights does not change a single word in the Constitution. No one can add or subtract a single word in the Constitution without going through the Article 5 amendment process. This due process of law requires two thirds of both houses of Congress to deem it necessary to propose an amendment and two thirds of the States to pass it. It is important to understand that the president and the courts are not lawmakers; only Congress can make laws and their laws must be Constitutional or they are not true laws.

On C-Span Justice Scalia once asked: "how should we judge the Constitution; by my opinion; by your opinion; or should we judge it by what it says?" To me the only right answer is to judge the Constitution by what it says. One of the reasons the Constitution was written was to settle arguments peacefully.

Here's the Second Amendment: "A well-regulated Militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." The purpose of the second amendment is for the security of a free state. The second amendment says "the right of the People to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed;" it does not say the right of the state, such as the National Guard. The second amendment says the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed; the second amendment does not define arms. English dictionaries defined arms as to equip for effective action. When nations

have arms sales they sale rifles, missiles, jets, aircraft carriers, submarines and so on. Who are the Militia? George Mason stated in 1788 at the Virginia Convention: "The Militia consist of the whole body of people."

Alexander Hamilton rejected adding a Bill of Rights. In the Federal Papers No. 84 Hamilton stated: "Why declare that things shall not be done which there is no power to do?" He also stated: "Under the Constitution the people surrender nothing."

The right to keep and bear arms is a natural right that existed, with the people, before the Constitution was written and we the people never gave up the right to keep and bear arms. The Constitution is a political contract between our government representatives and we the people; it is the only document that binds a free, self governing people. The Constitution is written, it is dated, it is signed and it is enforceable by every individual American citizen.

Thank You, this is Gene Owens for KINS radio