

## Updated: Washington State Patriots Preparing To Be Arrested, Will Not Back Down!

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[Editor's Note: Please read this update added by Stewart Rhodes, Founder and President of Oath Keepers, to all Oath Keepers members. The original article follows this update.]

**NOTE FROM STEWART:** Members of Oath Keepers, I fully support this rally and planned peaceful civil disobedience and I encourage you to attend if you can. However, I want to make it clear that each of you have multiple options here:

1. You can go and simply participate in the rally (and you can choose to do so armed or unarmed – personally, I would be armed, since it is an open carry rally, but that is an individual choice).
2. You can go and outreach to the police and encourage them to respect and protect the rights of the protesters. That is a vital task that we Oath Keepers are pretty good at, and we should be doing that.
3. And/or you can also go into the Gallery of the legislature with the others who intend on using civil disobedience against the new rule put in place by the Speaker of the Legislature, that bans the open carry of firearms in the Gallery for the first time in WA state history (and make sure they know this is only a rule by the speaker, not even a law). If you do choose to take part in the peaceful civil disobedience, go there willing to follow the instructions of the organizers of the event, and the leaders there, such as Rep. Matt Shea, Anthony Bosworth, and Mike Vanderboegh, and go there willing to be arrested, in case that is the outcome (that is what peaceful civil disobedience is all about, after all – it is defying some edict, while knowing you may be arrested for doing so, and being willing to go through that experience).

You can do any one of the above, or all of the above. Personally, if I was able to be there (I am handling a family emergency at the moment that keeps me from attending), I would do all three. I would participate in the open carry rally, I would outreach to the police there, and I would participate in the civil disobedience. Such civil disobedience is necessary in the fight to restore our Republic, and in our mission to defend the Constitution. But each person needs to make a decision for themselves about what they are willing to do at any such event. Not all are at the point of being ready to risk arrest while undertaking peaceful civil disobedience. And that is fine. I do encourage you to begin to exercise those civil disobedience “muscles” but that is an individual choice. I will point out, however, that civil disobedience is a much honored American tradition, starting with the Founding Generation which intentionally refused to comply with multiple edicts, statutes, and rules set by Parliament and King. They refused to comply and used peaceful civil disobedience for many years leading up to the outset of fighting. They held town hall meeting right under the nose of General Gage, in direct violation of an edict of

**Parliament that banned town hall meetings. They smuggled around egregious restrictions on where they could send their ships and cargo. They refused to pay unjust taxes, and they circumvented or openly defied multiple other statutes passed by Parliament, and multiple acts by the Royal Governors. Civil disobedience, nullification, and defiance were the life-blood of the cause of the Colonists in the years leading up to the outbreak of the actual American Revolution. Learn from their example, and get yourself ready to use the same tactics, which will not only further the cause of liberty, but will help you to become stronger in your hearts and minds.**

**I have attended multiple open carry rallies, and I have participated in several acts of civil disobedience, and I can tell you from personal experience, that it is good for the soul. I encourage you to go if you can.**

**For the Republic,**

**Stewart Rhodes**

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## **Washington State Patriots Preparing To Be Arrested, Will Not Back Down!**

I got a letter from Mike Vanderboegh, Founder of the national III% movement, alerting me to this event which is upcoming on February 07, 2015, in Olympia, Washington. Unfortunately, Stewart Rhodes, President of Oath Keepers, is already booked in Pennsylvania for the week of February 07 through February 15, so he cannot attend this rally in Washington State. I am hoping that many in our Oregon, Idaho, and Washington chapters will be able to attend this event on short notice, because it's got great potential to focus public attention on serious gun rights issues.

Mike Vanderboegh introduced me to one Kit Lange of the [Patrick Henry Society](#), who is an activist of the gun rights movement in Washington State, and Kit sent me an outline of their current project with a number of links to follow. The Washington patriots' fight for gun rights needs to be publicized nationally, as they're deeply mired in anti-gun treachery, just as our friends are in New York State and Connecticut (and elsewhere). I truly hope that many of you in the NorthWest part of America will be able to make it to this important rally to support these patriots.

I apologize for the short notice on this, but urge all members who can to attend. Bring your guns. Here is some info which Kit sent. Catch the spirit of freedom as you learn about what will happen in Olympia, Washington, on Saturday, February 07, 2015.

**Start here** to learn about why citizens of Washington are going to knowingly get themselves arrested at the State Capitol:

<http://www.patrickhenrysociety.com/citizens-washington-state-american-countrymen/>

From that article:

*As you read this, there is a group of patriots in Washington who are standing up. On February 7th, they will stand for a third time in as many months against unjust laws meant to strip them of their right to defense. In fact, on the 7th they will stand against a state legislature that has said the people are not allowed to openly carry a firearm while viewing the proceedings of their own government. Think about that. The very people we elected, do not want their armed constituents to watch them at work, to see the things they do and say. The real question is what are they doing that they have to be afraid of the people?*

*These patriots will be arrested on the 7th, because some of them will choose while there to defy the unjust and tyrannical laws being forced on them. What awful thing will they be doing? Walking into a public gallery with a rifle slung over their shoulder. They are not monsters, or crazy gun nuts. They are Americans like you, who love their families and go to work and pay bills. They are Americans who value liberty more than anything else.*

*They are choosing liberty over peaceful slavery, and they are doing it because someone has to. But they are not standing for just Washington, they stand for all of you. Whether you live in Iowa or California, Maine or Wyoming, it is YOUR right to self-defense that patriots will defend on February 7th. They are being arrested to show that the right of you and your family to refuse to be a slave, is more important than their own comfort.*

This event will start at 10:00 a.m., Pacific time, at the State Capitol in Olympia, Washington. The facebook page with details is here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1547594748829848/>

If you can't make it to the rally, but want to donate to the bail and defense fund for those standing on February 7 you can still do so. Highly recommended! Link:

[http://www.arms-expo.com/?page\\_id=113](http://www.arms-expo.com/?page_id=113)

Mike Vanderboegh confirmed this morning, February 05, 2015, that he is flying out of Alabama today to attend this important event. His coverage of Kit Lange's write-up is [here](#). Please read it for complete knowledge about this event.

Watch here at Oath Keepers for more in-depth coverage of this event. Do what you can to support this gallant stand. Take good hope that some Americans still will stand for America, and for the Constitution, as written.



### ***Mike Vanderboegh***

Mike Vanderboegh will join three Washington State Legislators to bring the number of speeches to four. I would encourage all who can to attend and enjoy Mike Vanderboegh's thunder.

Additional Reading:

**The Day Patriots Took The WA State Capitol by Kit Lange**

<http://www.patrickhenrysociety.com/day-patriots-took-wa-state-capitol/>

**Why the WA State Gun Fight Is Your Fight by Kit Lange and Anthony Bosworth**

<http://www.patrickhenrysociety.com/day-patriots-took-wa-state-capitol/>

**The Myth of Washington Gun Rights Groups:**

<http://www.patrickhenrysociety.com/myth-wa-gun-rights-groups-adina-hicks-alan-gottlieb/>

And you might want to spread the word about this... <http://www.arms-expo.com/>

Salute!

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