



May Speakers' Forum

Thursday, May 28, 2026; 11:30 am – 2:00 pm

Philip Van Cleave, President Virginia Citizens Defense League (VCDL)



Philip Van Cleave is an American GUN RIGHTS advocate, computer programmer, and the president of the Virginia Citizens Defense League (VCDL). Van Cleave joined the Virginia Citizens Defense League in 1995, a year after its founding. In June 2004, he received the Gun Rights Defender of the Month Award from the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms (CCRKBA). Van Cleave, like most gun rights activists, believes that the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees that individual Americans have the right to defend themselves and, as he put it in 2004, "to take back your country should it ever become a totalitarian state." Although some other gun rights groups have criticized the VCDL for having its members open carry en masse, Van Cleave has defended this practice, saying that it helps educate both citizens and the police about Virginia's gun laws. Recently, he organized the largest "pro-gun rights rally" held in Richmond and has convinced numerous cities in Virginia to become "Second Amendment Sanctuaries" where officials resist any new gun laws, among many other efforts. Van Cleave has been interviewed by 60-Minutes, Nightline, the Washington Post, and a host of other places.

Where: *Greencroft Country Club, 575 Rodes Dr, Eville 22903*

11:30 am Sign-In and Network, Lunch promptly at 12:00 pm

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