

TABOO OPINIONS #110

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6-28-08 THE RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS ...

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.

To me it is obvious the Second Amendment to The Constitution says that a militia is created from the people and that the people (then) had the unspoken right to own and bear arms. From whom could the assembled militia be drawn except from the common citizenry, and that because almost everyone already owned and knew how to use and maintain guns.

A militia was formed from citizens who brought their muskets to the militia. The militia perhaps provided some replacement balls, wads, and powder, but the militia did not provide muskets.

Official federal armies provided guns and other equipment, along with uniforms, strict regimentation and long-term enlistments.

In a period of the lawless frontier and 'terrorist' Indians and robber gangs the mostly rural citizenry were taught during childhood how to use and maintain guns for the purpose of self defense and killing game. And 'guns' then were mostly muskets.

But apparently even in Revolutionary times there were enough wealthy, anti-gun city people (who were afraid --- as ever --- of the desperate poor and the 'criminal class') advocating "gun control" to make the framers of the amendments nervous enough to cause them to create and pass the Second Amendment.

But supremely there is the persuasive argument that the framers of the Bill of Rights feared the emergence of a dictatorial president/political party and the use of a federal army strong enough to impose martial law and rule the United States by force and terror, hence the Bill of Rights advocates created the Second Amendment (and the First) to assure the easy creation of opposing, revolutionary forces at the local and state level. Note they phrased the amendment

to assure the *security of a free State*.

6-28-08 FEEDBACK sounds vaguely vicious and disgusting to me, but John Thiel suggests I create a letter column in here to give readers a chance to ventilate and for me to ventilate them! Just like the good old days of Science Fiction Review.

Well, okay, Taboo Feedback is now open for mayhem.

Send letters of comment to rerwingeis@q.com

6-30-08 I saw RUSH HOUR 3 last night ...

Never had seen #1 or #2. I was revulsed by the irritating, grating, chainsaw complaining, accusatory, self-pitying racist tenor voice and “acting” of Chris Tucker who deserved to be shot early in the first two minutes of the film. I’ll never again watch a movie in which he appears.

I still like Jackie Chan, though he looks too old to do those stunts.

The movie was stupid, paced and edited for super speed and idiot distraction.

Don’t see it. Trust me.

7-3-08 IS MY FICTION PERSONA NON GRATA?

I’m beginning to think so. According to the page/visitor counter on my Taboo area of eFanzines.com those who visit don’t read the fiction, old or new.

They want opinions and my pov on the news.

Now, I do have one more story I want to impose on you, “Hard Plasm”, and then I’ll return to this mix, never to burden you with fiction again! **sob ... whimper ... wail ...**

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