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#### **Quick Quotes**

# National Rifle Association President Remembers Larry McDonald

"When I look back on the people whom I have admired most in my life — those who truly influenced me — it's been a small group: my father; Phyllis Schlafly; Lawrence 'Larry' McDonald, a Democrat congressman from Georgia who died in an airplane shot down by the Soviets in 1983; and Wayne LaPierre of the NRA."

Writing in the organization's American Rifleman magazine, NRA President **Carolyn Meadows** expressed praise for the man who, six months before the Soviet attack on the KAL 007 flight in which he was a passenger, had been named chairman of The John Birch Society.

## Maryland Sheriff Urges Congress to Combat the Illegalimmigration Problem

"From my perspective, the infiltration of criminal aliens and criminal gangs such as MS-13 across our borders and into our communities has severely endangered the public safety of every county in America."

At a hearing before the House Judiciary Subcommittee, Sheriff **Chuck Jenkins** of Frederick County, Maryland, pleaded for enforcement of immigration laws and for an end to the hostility directed at the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency.

## A Democrat Nominee Takes a Bold Stand Against Citizen Gun Ownership

"Hell yes, we're going to take your AR-15 [and] your AK-47. We're not going to allow it to be used against your fellow Americans anymore."

Asked if he was proposing laws that would take away guns legally owned by many Americans, **Beto O'Rourke** emphatically stated his intention to do exactly that.

## Candidate Would Wage War on Any Restrictions Aimed at Abortion

"Let's make democracy work and make Roe the rule of this land in every state."

Taking a no-exceptions stand for abortion up to actual birth, **Elizabeth Warren** told a Democrat rally that she strongly favors doing away with any law prohibiting the grisly practice.

#### **High Cost of Guantanamo Prison Gets Some Attention**

"It costs a fortune to operate, and I think it's crazy."

The United States spends \$13 million per year per inmate and there are only 40 prisoners still incarcerated in the Cuba-based detention center. That's a cost of approximately \$500 million per year.





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President **Trump** labeled the situation crazy and pointed out that "President Obama said it would be closed and he never got it done."

#### Would Military Action Against Iran Lead to All-out War?

"I'm making a very serious statement that we don't want war; we don't want to engage in a military confrontation. But we won't blink to defend our territory."

During his visit to the UN for the yearly opening of the General Assembly, Iran's Foreign Minister **Mohammad Javad Zarif** emphatically denied that Iran had any role in the recent attack on Saudi Arabia's oil facilities.

### **She Despises Trump but Asks a Penetrating Question**

"What exactly was Biden's son Hunter doing in that foreign country [Ukraine] and why was he hired to do it? These are fair questions, which the media would never stop asking if the son under scrutiny happened to be Donald Trump Jr."

Boston Globe columnist **Joan Vennochi** exhibits little restraint when criticizing President Trump. But the questions she asks are reasonable and should be asked by all political columnists.

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