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## ***MAJOR CIVIL-RIGHTS GROUPS JOINING FORCES***

### **White House Invited to Arizona Banquet**

An unprecedented coalition of civil-rights groups is cooperating to sponsor a banquet recognizing the human right of self defense, on the 10th anniversary of Arizona's successful concealed-weapon law. More than 70,000 people currently have permits.

Early predictions that such laws would lead to wild west crime waves have been proven wrong. "We have learned that ordinary people, going about their business armed, are in the lowest crime-demographic groups," says Bloomfield Press publisher Alan Korwin, who is helping to plan the event. "Innocent lives have been saved and violent crimes have been stopped. Ten years after we began, the right to keep and bear arms is demonstrably a good thing," he said. "Empowering the public does not make them dangerous."

One dramatic case involved Rory Vertigan, a permit holder who backed up an ambushed police officer, and helped authorities apprehend the perpetrators. Similar life-saving reports are being assembled for the event. Presentation of the "Human Right of Self Defense Award" will be made for the first time at the banquet. The co-sponsors, who will be notifying their members of the banquet, include:

The National Rifle Association  
Gun Owners of America  
Second Amendment Foundation  
National Shooting Sports Foundation  
Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership  
Arizona State Rifle and Pistol Association

"As a courtesy, the President and senior White House staff have been invited," notes attorney Michael P. Anthony, who is on the planning committee. "We would be particularly pleased to welcome Dr. Condoleezza Rice, who has spoken in the past of the value of the family firearm, as a child growing up in the South."

For banquet tickets and more info call 1-800-426-4302 (8 AM - 5:30 PM PST, M - F).  
News and updates about the banquet will be posted under New Stuff at [gunlaws.com](http://gunlaws.com).

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