

A lifelong shooter, Todd's interest began in the Boy Scouts at summer camp. From there, his father bought him his first rifle - a Marlin model 25 .22lr - that he let Todd shoot in the garage with a homemade bullet trap that Todd built in his high school welding class.

An 18-year veteran of the Army Reserve, Todd held a number of Military Occupational Specialties (MOS). They included 05B/31C Radio Operator, 95B Military Policeman, and 19D3PF7 Cavalry Scout while serving with Signal Co, 12th Special Forces Group (A), 822nd Military Police Company, A Troop 4th Cavalry (later A Troop 4/9th Cavalry), and the 3/335 85th Div. He completed Airborne and Pathfinder schools. He held the Rank of Staff Sergeant (E-6).

Todd is a 35-year member of Local 150 of the Operating Engineers. Working for various contractors, he spent 16 years on staff, culminating in his promotion to Director of Governmental Relations under William "Bill" Dugan who was the most pro-Second Amendment labor leader in the Country.

Todd is one of the foremost experts on Illinois gun laws. He lobbied for the NRA, as a contract lobbyist, for 25 years. He has represented FFLs as well as owning a small gun shop with a 07 FFL with an SOT. He was responsible for no semi-auto ban or mag ban being passed during his tenure. He helped get a law passed reappealing the ban on SBRs in Illinois and was a large contributor to the passage of Illinois' concealed carry law.

Todd formulated and helped bring the *Shepard v Madigan* case to court where the Illinois ban on carry was struck down. He worked on a number of other lawsuits including *Gowder v Chicago* (stopped Chicago from denying a person with a UUW from owning a firearm), *Lawson v Chicago* (allowing Mr. Lawson to register his legal SKS), and *Illinois Assn. of Firearms Retailers v Chicago* (striking down their gun shop ban). He is currently consulting on *FFL-Illinois v Pritzker* which is one of the challenges to the Illinois assault weapon and magazine ban.

Todd is a member of Gun Owners of America, Firearms Policy Coalition, Illinois State Rifle Assn (Life), Single Action Shooting Society (Life) National Rifle Assn (Life), and the Auroral Sportsmen's Club (since 2013). He currently serves as President of the Aurora Sportsmen's Club which is the largest gun club in Illinois.

He also serves on the Boards of the Second Amendment Law center as Vice-President and the Second Amendment Defense and Education Coalition (SADEC) as Vice-President. He is helping to craft litigation in furtherance of protection of the Second Amendment.

Todd retired 5 years ago from lobbying and being an operator. Despite being "retired" he spends his time these days running a bulldozer at Aurora Sportsmen's Club and overseeing the construction of 20 new ranges. When not on a bulldozer or consulting on 2A litigation, you can catch him on his YouTube channel Freedom's Steel where he offers up his insights in 2A issues and litigation as well as some videos about progress at the Club. These have earned him the nickname of Gun Santa and Illinois gun law guru.

Todd not only volunteers at Aurora Sportsmen's Club building ranges but in addition teaches in their tactical training program and helps with the club's practical rifle program. He enjoys hunting having been to South Africa for plains game. He enjoys working his two hunting dogs, Ruger and Colt (Lewellen setters), and smacking green heads when ever he gets the chance. Todd has been married to his wife Amy for 28 years. They have two sons, Jacob and John, and two grandsons, Grayson and Nathan.

