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of Federal Regulations (CFR) or the United States Code (USC) are: **14CFR108.11, 49CFR1540.111, 49CFR1544.203 and 18USC922.**

Simply type the citation from the United States Code or the Code of Federal Regulations as I have given it above into Dogpile or your favorite search engine and you should get to the right place.

The actual check-in procedure is fairly un-intimidating. The regulations specify that you must declare that you will be transporting an unloaded firearm and ammunition in checked baggage. 14CFR108, 49CFR1540 and 49CFR1544 indicate that oral notification is sufficient, but since 18USC922 specifies written notification, I prepared a short handwritten note as well for the agent. The regulations specify that the firearm be carried in a locked, hard-sided container. While a soft sided gun rug inside a hard-sided suitcase, or a hard-sided gun case inside a soft-sided suitcase should satisfy the letter of the law, I chose to pack my firearm inside a hard-sided case inside a hard-sided suitcase (the belt-and-suspenders again). These should be locked. I chose to use TSA compliant locks, reasoning that this was a suitcase, not a gun safe, and that if any of the TSA inspectors really wanted to steal my gun, he would just take my

entire suitcase. If you use TSA non-compliant locks, you will need to unlock your checked luggage for inspection, and the regulations specify that you retain any key. You will have to sign the Unloaded Firearms Declaration form, which needs to go inside the bag, not on the outside. You are allowed to transport up to five kilograms of ammunition. This should be packaged securely, either in the manufacturer's carton or in an ammo boxes, and this may travel in the same locked baggage as the firearm.

My actual experience went very smoothly. I arrived at Yeager Airport ninety minutes before flight time in case of any difficulties, but the entire procedure for checking in my firearm took no more than one or two additional minutes – enough time for me to open my locks, demonstrate that the firearm was unloaded, sign the form, and re-lock my suitcase. Flying home from Tucson, the procedure was similarly smooth – though the attendant didn't even inspect my firearm, she did ask me to wait nearby for about fifteen minutes just in case any of the TSA inspectors had questions, which they did not.

I was pleasantly surprised at how smoothly the process went, and my P11 will be my companion on future trips to Tucson.

## A Winner for the NRA Board: **STEVE SCHREINER**

### Why vote for Steve Schreiner?

Schreiner is a Vietnam Vet, Airborne Ranger; awarded CIB, Bronze Star with V Device and Silver Star.

He is a noted supporter of the Second Amendment as exemplified by the following:

1. President, Firearms Coalition of Colorado;
2. Awarded NRA's Best Volunteer Organization of the Year;
3. Successfully Fought for Colorado's CCW;
4. Highly Successful Registered Lobbyist at Colorado Legislature;
5. Fought against semi-auto ban, magazine bans and "safe storage" bills;
6. Member of NRA's Grassroots Committee.

### What I stand for:

1. We need to reach out to everyone, especially the younger generation, using their means of accessing information, about the positive aspects of the National Rifle Association and the Second Amendment;
2. We need more emphasis on range development and protection of existing ranges;
3. We need to protect our shooting rights in National Forests and on other Federal lands.

**Steve Schreiner**

President, Firearms Coalition of Colorado

*"Vote for Silver Star Recipient **Steve Schreiner** for NRA Board of Directors. I am encouraging NRA Board of Directors voters to utilize the 'bullet ballot' procedure. If you vote just for Schreiner, you increase his chances of being elected.\*"*

**Lt. Col. Robert K. Brown, USAR (Ret.)**  
Editor/Publisher, *Soldier of Fortune Magazine*

\*Bullet balloting does not increase the number of votes cast for Schreiner but it does reduce the number of votes the other candidates receive which, therefore, increases the likelihood of Schreiner's election.

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