

## LARRY'S LETTER NOVEMBER 2016

Dear SCBA Members:

I haven't read the Constitution lately, with all the amendments of the last few decades, BUT I remember the good Sisters of Notre Dame teaching us that election day shall be on the first Tuesday following the second Monday of November. Like all things in that amazing document, the founders seem to have anticipated many things. I can just imagine George Washington and James Madison looking down from heaven, seeing what is going on and saying, "Read the Constitution. Follow the Constitution."

Early voting is allowed in 36 States and the District of Columbia. Each state makes its own rules regarding how and when. One state, Oregon, has gone totally mail in voting.

The events of Friday, October 28, regarding the FBI, convinces me that early voting was, and is, a bad idea. How many citizens who voted absentee, then heard the news Friday night would have voted differently?

Personally, with a slight smile on my face as I write this, I see nothing wrong with the PURPLE FINGER method that is used in some countries. All votes are cast on the same day, and, after you vote, you have to dip your finger in purple ink (which can't be washed off), so that you can't vote again that day.

If you don't think there is voter fraud, Google "110 year olds" in North Carolina to see that there are a couple thousand of them, and they still vote. There are precincts in Philadelphia and in Ohio that have voter turnout exceeding 100%.

If nothing else positive comes out of this election, I would hope that we go back to voting on the same day, one day. IF you can't make it that day, then fill in an absentee ballot.

Sincerely,

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