

Alan Merrill Gottlieb was born on May 2, 1947 (64 years ago). He was born in Los Angeles, CA, although his social security number was issued in New York in about 1964. Reports indicate that he was raised in both Maywood, CA and Queens, NY; most of the elementary and high school years were in New York. He graduated from the University of Tennessee in 1971 (Admitted in 1966), after a five-year course, with a degree in nuclear engineering. He also attended the Institute on Comparative Political & Economic Systems at Georgetown University. Gottlieb also served in the Army National Guard on Long Island in at least 1968. He moved to the Seattle, WA area in about 1974.

Gottlieb is married to Julianne Versnel Gottlieb (Age 58) and together they reside at 4725 136th Ave SE Bellevue, Washington. Gottlieb has at least 4 adult children.

In 1984 a federal grand jury indicted Gottlieb on two counts of filing false income tax returns and neglecting to pay \$40,000 in taxes for 1977 and 1978. He eventually admitted to underpaying by \$17,000. He was fined \$5,000 and sentenced to 366 days in a minimum-security jail in Spokane or a work release program. As a convicted felon, Gottlieb forfeited his right to own guns, but he regained that right in 1985 under a federal law allowing individuals of good character to apply for relief from that legal disability ("relief" from the "disability" of being unable to own weapons).

Gottlieb has published over 19 books. He is recognized member of the working press, maintaining active membership in the Outdoor Writers Association of America. His articles have appeared in the Seattle Times, Manchester Union Leader, San Francisco Examiner, Washington Post, Guns Magazine, Guns & Ammo Magazine, Gun Week, Orlando Sentinel, Chicago Tribune, Atlanta Journal-Constitution, The Cincinnati Enquirer, Ft. Worth StarTelegram and USA Today, among others.

Gottlieb has authored or c-authored the following books:

- Gun Rights Affirmed: The Emerson Case
- Gun Rights Fact Book
- Politically Correct Guns: Please Don't Rob or Kill Me
- Celebrity Address Book
- THE GUN GRABBERS: Who are they, how they operate, where they get their money
- Things You Can Do to Defend Your Gun Rights
- She Took A Village
- Rights of Gun Owners: A Second Amendment
- The Wise Use Agenda
- Gun owner's political action manual
- Black & Blue: How Obama and the Democrats are Beating Up the Constitution
- George W. Bush Speaks to the Nation -- George W. Bush and Alan M. Gottlieb
- Trashing the Economy: How Runaway Environmentalism Is Wrecking America – Ron Arnold and Alan Gottlieb
- Guns for Women -- George Flynn and Alan Gottlieb
- More Things You Can Do to Defend Your Gun Rights -- by Alan Gottlieb and David Kopel
- Double Trouble: Daschle and Gephardt -- Capital Hill Bullies by Alan M. Gottlieb and Dave Workman
- Politically Correct Environment by Alan M. Gottlieb, Ron Arnold, and Chuck Asay
- America Fights Back: Armed Self-defense in a Violent Age by Alan M. Gottlieb and Dave Workman [9]
- These Dogs Don't Hunt: The Democrats' War on Guns by Alan M. Gottlieb and Dave Workman [10]
- Assault on Weapons: The Campaign to Eliminate Your Guns by Alan M. Gottlieb and Dave Workman (2009)

Gottlieb is the Publisher of Gun Week and The Gottlieb-Tartaro Report. He is also an avid collector of old handguns and postage stamps.

Gottlieb owns Merrill Press, an "independent publisher of unusual nonfiction books by authors who know what they're writing about." He is also president of four radio stations, including KITZ in Port Orchard, Washington, KGTK in Olympia, Washington, KBNP in Portland, Oregon, and KSBN in Spokane, Washington.

Gottlieb also owns Merrill Mail Marketing, Inc., a for-profit corporation, that is his direct response mail fund-raising business. He also controls The Service Bureau, Inc, a non-profit cooperative corporation that provides its members with services such as telephone fund-raising and accounting. The member organizations that can receive assets upon dissolution of the cooperative are the Center for the Defense of Free Enterprise; Second Amendment Foundation; Right to Keep and Bear Arms Political Victory Fund; Merrill Associates; and Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms.

Media reports indicate that in 1994 he received at least \$150,000 per year in leasing back his building to his organizations, and that in 1994 Gottlieb collected \$24 million from his direct mail marketing, of which \$5.5 million went to Gottlieb's three foundations. Another \$6.6 million reportedly went to associations (outside of Liberty Park) for which Gottlieb is either a director or a board member. Gottlieb also reportedly charges large fees for various speaking appearances (media, speeches, etc.)