Making Firearms Safety Fun
and other important lessons in life
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Hi. I’m Erik Zelman. I thought up Brasco™ so that we could reach out to everyone and tell them how gun safety can be fun, and how the government today abuses our rights. I am only eleven years old, and I am worried that I will never know the freedom that my Dad knew growing up in the Arizona desert.

I hope all of you like Brasco™. Make him part of your family, and do all you can to share his message with as many people as you can.

A lot of people say “Do it for the children.” In my opinion, the best gift adults can give to us kids is a future based on liberty. I hope you agree with me.

Erik Zelman
Patriot
A is for ALWAYS – Always be smart. Never touch a real gun. If you see one, run and tell your parents or a trusted neighbor. Brasco Buddies™ know that real guns are not toys to play with. If your parents allow you to look at a real gun, it must be unloaded. ALWAYS!
B is for BURGLARS and BANDITS - Burglars and Bandits are Bad people who should be punished for the bad things they do. They lie, steal, and hurt people. Brasco Buddies™ are good people. We don’t lie, steal, or hurt people. We don’t talk back to our parents, and we never touch a real gun unless our parents allow us to.
**C is for CONTROL** - "Gun Control" is what happens when the people who run a country don’t trust the people who live in that country. The people in charge take away the other people’s guns so no one can do or say anything the government doesn’t like. Brasco’s™ cousins are suffering from "Gun Control."

**Cousin Brownie** in Canada has no Bill of Rights to guarantee she will be able to protect herself.

**Cousin Koala** in Australia has no rights guaranteeing his right to defend himself against his government.

**Cousin Panda** in China suffers under Communism - a kind of government where people are slaves to the military and government criminals.
D is for DIALING — Sometimes dialing 9-1-1 can be useless! Did you know the police don’t have to answer your call for help? The police can’t always show up to stop a criminal as soon as you call. Parents who love their children protect them and do not rely on the police. Your parents’ guns are good to protect you from bad people, but you must never touch a real gun without your parents’ permission.

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E is for EYES and EARS - Ear protectors are very important when you are shooting. Very loud noise is bad for your hearing. Brasco Buddies™ always wear hearing protection when they go shooting with an adult. It is the smart thing to do. Eye protection is another good idea.

F is for FIREARMS can be FUN - When you follow the rules of firearm safety, shooting at targets or hunting with an adult can be fun. Brasco™ and his father are careful to point the muzzles of their rifles in a safe direction at all times.
G is for **GUNSMITH** - A Gunsmith knows how to make guns, and keep them working safely. Gunsmiths are important because they have special skills. They can machine, polish and color metal parts. They can shape wood to fit perfectly to the metal parts of your parents’ gun. Gunsmiths developed the guns that American pioneers and soldiers used to keep America free.

Ask your parents to take you to visit a gunsmith. If you bring an empty brass cartridge case, maybe the gunsmith will polish it for you.
H is for HISTORY - Brasco Buddies™ learn their history. You must know the story of the past, so you won’t make the same mistakes in the future. Here is a history lesson everyone should know:

On April 19, 1775, British soldiers told the American colonists to give up their guns and ammunition, but the Americans were smart and said “No.” A battle started between the British and the Americans. This is how “gun control” started the American Revolution.

Today Americans are being told to give up their guns again. And again, they have to say “No!”
I is for INJUSTICE -
An injustice is when something is wrong, or unfair. Putting people in prison for no good reason is an injustice.

J is for JAPANESE -
The Japanese government, with the help of bad people in America, want to take away your right to own and enjoy guns. They tell people that America should be more like Japan, where the people can’t own guns. They don’t tell people that in Japan, people can be held in prison without food or water until they confess to crimes they didn’t commit.
K is for “Gun Control” KILLS KIDS -
Evil politicians have passed laws that make schools unsafe. Your parents are not allowed to carry a gun near a school to protect you from bad people.

This bad law makes it possible for bad people to hurt or even kill you. Some government officials and evil politicians really like this law.

L is for LAWS -
Some laws are good. Laws that tell people to stop at a stop sign, or don’t drive through a red stop light are good laws. Laws that don’t allow good people to protect themselves and their children against bad people are bad laws. “Gun Control” is a bad law.

Brasco’s™ lever-action rifle lobs lots of lead at outlaws.
M is for MURDER – Brasco Buddies™ always say no to murder, because they care for and respect others. Murder is very, very bad. It happens when bad people intentionally kill other people. This is absolutely forbidden by our Creator.

You may only kill people in self-defense, if they are coming to kill you or someone else. Never let anyone try to confuse you about murder and killing. Make sure you tell your teachers and parents if you hear angry people talking about killing or murdering people.
N is for NO Other Country but the United States of America has a Bill of Rights

O is for OUR RIGHTS. Our rights existed before our government came into being. A privilege is what a government allows you to have. A privilege can be taken away. But a right cannot be taken away, if you fight to keep it.

Our Bill of Rights is a list of the rights Americans had before our government was accepted by the people. Today, bad people work to destroy the Bill of Rights.

Celebrate Bill of Rights Day every December 15th*, because the Bill of Rights is what allows you to celebrate any religious holiday you want. What kind of party will you have to celebrate your Bill of Rights?

*December 15th, 1791 was the day the Bill of Rights was ratified.
**P** is for **PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE** -

Do you know what the words of the Pledge of Allegiance mean?

"I pledge allegiance" - means I promise my love and devotion,

"To the flag" - means to the symbol of my country,

"Of the United" - means we have all come together,

"States" - are the 50 individual parts of our country,

"Of America" - means all of us.

"And to the Republic" - means our form of government, where the leaders serve the people, and the people choose their leaders,

"For which it stands" - means the flag stands for our country and our form of government,

"One nation," - made up of separate states,

"Under God" - whatever your faith,

"indivisible" - means it can't be broken up,

"With liberty" - means freedom, and the right to live your life without threats of fear,

"And justice" - means fairness under the law,

"For all" - means it is our country, yours and mine and everybody's.
Q is for QUARTERING – Quartering means to have someone living in your house and eating your food who is not a member or guest of your family.

In colonial America, two hundred years ago, British troops were quartered in private houses. They took the best beds and the best food. Sometimes they made noise and were messy and rude to the people who owned the houses. That is why the Third Right in the Bill of Rights says: “No Soldier shall, in time of peace, be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.”
R is for RACISM - Brasco Buddies™ do not support racism.

Racism means not liking someone just because of the color of their skin, or the country they came from.

In America, “Gun Control” laws were started to prevent black people from owning guns.

“Gun Control” is racist, and people who support “Gun Control” must be told that they support racist policies.

Good people are not racist.

Ask your parents to read the Gran’pa Jack booklet “‘Gun Control’ Is Racist.”

I hate you ’cause you’re different
S is for SAFETY - Brasco Buddies™ believe in “Safety First - Safety Always.”

Safety means you always make sure a gun is unloaded before you look at it.
Safety means you never point the muzzle at a person.
Safety means you always know where the bullet is going to go before you shoot.
Safety means you always wear eye and ear protection when you go shooting.

T is for TRIGGER -
The trigger fires the gun. Another important part of safety is always keeping your finger off the trigger until you have the gun aimed at the target, and know exactly where the bullet is going.
**U is for UNITED NATIONS** - The United Nations is a very bad organization made up of foreign countries who do not want you to be free.

The United Nations doesn’t like your Bill of Rights, and they are trying to destroy freedom in America.

Brasco Buddies™ are smart and they don’t believe the lies of the United Nations. If you believe the things the United Nations tells you, you will never know the fun of a gun.
V is for VETERAN - Veterans are people who helped their country by serving in the Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, Navy or Marine Corps. Veterans fought to keep America free. Many died so we can live in freedom. Brasco Buddies respect veterans and thank them for all that they did.
Ask your parents to take you to visit a veteran. Perhaps some of your parents or grandparents are veterans!

Special Days to Honor Veterans Are:
June 14th (Flag Day)
July 4th (Independence Day)
Memorial Day
Veterans Day
Bill of Rights Day (December 15)
W is for WASHINGTON -
George Washington was the first President of the United States.
He would be sad today if he saw how our hard-won liberties are being destroyed by evil politicians and the dangerous United Nations.

Brasco Buddies™ can make President Washington happy by telling other kids how they are being lied to. Show them this storybook.

Brasco Buddies™ are smart. They always prefer freedom over slavery.

X is for X-RING -
The X-Ring is the center of the target. Brasco checks his marksmanship by aiming at the X-Ring. Excellent!
Y is for YOUNG KIDS - Young kids, properly trained to use firearms safely, can help protect their families.

13-year-old Jarrod Barnes of Tulsa, Oklahoma, probably saved his life and the lives of his three younger brothers when he shot an intruder in their home.²

17-year-old Darren Yakunovich of Kipton, Ohio caught a burglar who had stolen things from Darren’s house many times. Darren held the burglar at gunpoint until the police arrived.³ Did you hear about this on TV?

Brasco Buddies™ are smart. They know if these kids had not used a gun in self-defense, bad people might have killed them.

²,³See inside back cover
**Z is for ZERO IN** - A firearm is not accurate or safe unless it shoots where it is pointed. When a shooter adjusts the sights on his gun to improve his accuracy it is called “Zeroing In.” To make sure he knows where the bullet will hit, Brasco™ zeroes in his rifle while his father watches through binoculars and tells him whether his bullets are hitting high or low, left or right.

As soon as they are done, Brasco™ and his dad are going to clean their guns, make sure they are properly stored, and go to the zoo!
A Note to Parents

Obviously I am very proud that my son Erik created Brasco™ and that we had the opportunity to work together. Even Erik’s younger brother Jeremy and my wife made suggestions about how to educate more kids about liberty. I hope your family will take Brasco’s™ “Liberty Lessons” to heart and reach out to as many kids as you and all your family can.

We parents are in a race for time against some very ruthless and evil forces who HATE the American dream. It’s frightening that some of them are sitting inside our government.

Time grows shorter each day. I encourage all of you to buy and distribute the first issue of Brasco™ to as many children as quickly as you can. Do your part to save our kids – if you don’t, the American dream will die, and your children and mine will be slaves.

Aaron Zelman

Footnotes

1 In 1982, the U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit, held that:
   “... there is no constitutional right to be protected by the state against being murdered by criminals or madmen. It is monstrous if the state fails to protect its residents against such predators but it does not violate the due process clause of the Fourteenth Amendment or, we suppose, any other provision of the Constitution. The Constitution is a charter of negative liberties; it tells the state to let people alone; it does not require the federal government or the state to provide services, even so elementary a service as maintaining law and order.” [Bowers v. DeVito, U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit, 686 F.2d 616 (1982). See also Reiff v. City of Philadelphia, 471 F. Supp. 1262 (E.D.Pa. 1979)].

2 From The New American, May 25, 1998, p. 9:
   ... the Salt Lake Tribune reported an incident in Tulsa, Oklahoma in which 13-year-old Jarrod Barnes, who had been properly trained in the use of firearms, probably saved his own life and those of three younger brothers who sought refuge in a bedroom after an intruder burst into their home while their parents were away. According to the Tribune, while a brother dialed 911 the interloper tried to force the bedroom door open, at which point Jarrod ‘went for his stepfather’s .357 Magnum and fired through the bedroom door, striking the man in the chest.’ The man ‘stumbled into the front yard and collapsed dead.’ A pocket knife and 15-inch screwdriver were found on the body.

3 From The New American, May 25, 1998, p. 10:
   In 1993, after the family home had been burgled several times, 17-year-old Darren Yakunovich of Kipton, Ohio stayed home from school in the hope of apprehending the burglar. The thief did indeed strike again (it was an erstwhile friend), but when he entered an upstairs room Darren ended his crime career, at least temporarily, by holding him at gunpoint until the police arrived.