

Goex Powder, Inc. Supports 1 of 1000 and Issues Challenge

Goex Powder, Inc, the only American manufacturer of black powder, has joined the **NMLRA 1 of 1000 Endowment Program** and has purchased the No. 1 canvas giclee of *The Spirit of America*.

The stunning 48"x 36" reproduction of the painting by David Wright is issued in a signed and numbered edition of only twenty-five. The framed giclee is now on display in the company's corporate offices in Shawnee Mission, Kansas.

Tom Shepherd, Goex CEO, states that "the painting adds a definite presence in our Board room. *The Spirit of America* represents what we at Goex support – the founding and history of our country. We challenge other corporations to step forward and support our second amendment rights and join the NMLRA 1 of 1000 Endowment Program."

Goex owner J.B. Hodgdon added: "There is no better time in our history for Americans to show support for what we believe in." Co-owner Bob Hodgdon further states, "*The Spirit of America* exemplifies the determination of those who braved the elements and dangers to settle our country. We are honored to support an organization that believes in the same principles as our forefathers who settled this great country."

The company also purchased a 30"x 24" signed and numbered canvas giclee to be displayed in the Goex manufacturing plant offices in Minden, LA.

The 1 of 1000 Endowment of the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association was conceived to enlist 1,000 members at \$1,000 each to create a permanent endowment fund for the Association. Recently, Tennessee artist and NMLRA Life Member David Wright

was commissioned to do a painting that symbolized our nation's heritage, and *The Spirit of America* is that painting. High quality, full color limited edition paper and canvas reproductions have been made as a fund-raising program for the Endowment.

"Goex has joined all 1 of 1000 Endowment members in the admirable effort to preserve our NMLRA heritage into perpetuity and to challenge others to join in this noble effort. We thank them for their leadership and their commitment to preserving our muzzleloading heritage. We encourage other businesses to answer Goex's challenge and become members of the endowment, too," said Endowment Chairman Bob Copner.

To learn more about the 1 of 1000 Endowment and how to purchase *The Spirit of America* limited edition prints, go to www.nmlra.org.



Goex executives Bob Hodgdon, J. B. Hodgdon, and Tom Shepherd flank the framed giclee of *The Spirit of America* that graces their company's board room wall.