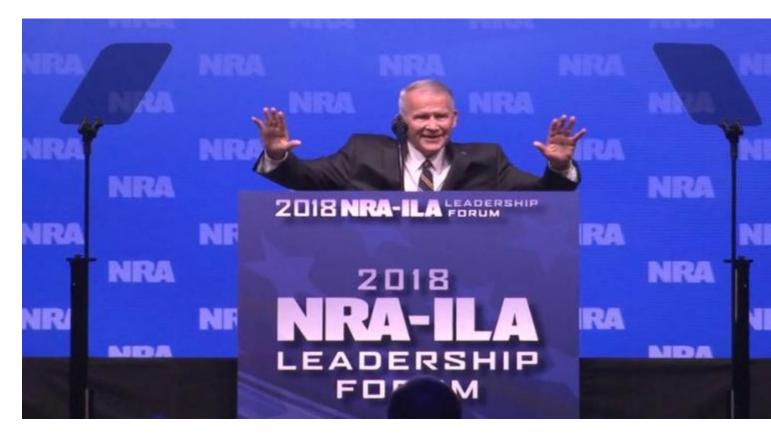
New president of NRA, Oliver North, vows to recruit millions after latest school massacre



New York, May 21 (RHC)-- The incoming president of the U.S. National Rifle Association (NRA) says he plans to recruit millions of new members not long after a school massacre in Texas.

Oliver North appeared on Fox News Sunday to elaborate on his plans for the future of the NRA, two days after fatal shooting of 10 people at Santa Fe High School near Houston. The incoming NRA president, formerly a Marine lieutenant colonel, vowed to double the nonprofit's membership.

"My goal is a million more members," he said. "Then I'm going to go out and ask every NRA member to recruit one more. That will put 14 million activists on the street -- not the types [billionaire philanthropist] George Soros is fielding, not the types that showed up down there in Dallas to protest our right to gather. But those who are going to vote for people who support the Second Amendment."

Commenting on the Friday shooting, in which 10 people were shot dead – nine students and one teacher – Oliver North asserted that the latest loss of human lives in a shooting has nothing to do with guns. "We're trying like the dickens to treat the symptom without treating the disease. And the disease in this case isn't the Second Amendment," he said. "The disease is youngsters who are steeped in a culture of

violence. They've been drugged, in many cases. Nearly all of these perpetrators are male. And they're young teenagers, in most cases. They've come through a culture where violence is commonplace -- all you need to do is turn on a TV, go to a movie."

The NRA is the focus of a growing movement by activists demanding enactment of tougher gun control laws in the United States.

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