



## Gun maker Kahr Arms breaks ground in Pike County, salutes USA - Kook Jin "Justin" Moon

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*A gold-plated and engraved 'Tommy Gun' at the groundbreaking ceremony for Kahr Arms' new headquarters in Blooming Grove Township on Thursday, May 29, 2014*

Patriotism was a prominent theme as gun manufacturer Kahr Firearms Group celebrated its new location in Pike County on Thursday with a groundbreaking and barbecue.

"We are very happy to be in Pike County, in a place where people love the Second Amendment and love guns. It is a great place to be," Kahr founder Kook Jin "Justin" Moon said. "I just wish the rest of the country could be like Pike County."

The groundbreaking included a flag ceremony, the Pledge of Allegiance, the singing of "God Bless America" and "God Bless the USA," and a prayer from the Rev. Hyung Jin Moon, Kook Jin "Justin" Moon's brother, in which he mentioned the greatness of living in a free country.

Kahr Firearms Group includes Auto-Ordinance Corp., maker of the Tommy Gun, purchased in 1998; and Magnum Research, maker of the Desert Eagle, purchased in 2010.

"When good people carry guns, bad people think twice," Kook Jin "Justin" Moon said.

The gun manufacturer bought the long-empty 600-acre Pike County Business Park on Well Road in Blooming Grove for \$2 million last year and is expanding manufacturing and moving its entire New York operation out of that state to escape what it describes as an unfriendly gun climate there.

"We have left the empire," quipped Kahr's corporate attorney, Jim Borer, in a jab at New York during the string of speeches commemorating the move.

The company's five-year plan is to fill the business park with other, gun-related industries.

In addition to many local politicians, Lt. Gov. Jim Cawley attended.

"This is a good news story for Pike County and the Pocono region, and it is a great news story for the entire state of Pennsylvania," Cawley said. He urged Moon to hire as many Pennsylvanians as possible.



*Lt. Gov. Jim Cawley, left, shakes hands with Kook Jin "Justin" Moon, president and CEO of Kahr Arms during a groundbreaking ceremony held at the site of Kahr Arms' new corporate headquarters in Blooming Grove Township on Thursday, May 29, 2014.*

Kahr Firearms itself will bring some 100 jobs to Pike County. Some will be temporary construction; others will be administrative and manufacturing. The development of the business park holds promise for more jobs.

The company has grown at double-digit rates annually since its beginning, Moon said.

"Our plan for this building is to house our headquarters, research and development, web sales, machining, and ultimately assembly over a five-year period," he said.

In his speech, Kook Jin "Justin" Moon thanked his father, the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, founder of the Unification Church, who died in 2012.

"I would have never able to accomplish this without you. Love you, miss you Dad."