2009 Fall / Winter Show

Where: Franklin Marriott Conference Center @ Cool Springs
       700 Cool Springs Blvd., Franklin, TN 37067
When: Friday, November 27th - Dealer Set up & Members Only 9 am - 1 pm
      Public Admitted 1 pm - 7 pm
      Saturday, Saturday 28th - 8 am - 4 pm
Admission: $5. for Non-Members  TMCA Members get in free - Wear badge  Children under 12 free. Also admitted free, if in uniform: Members of US Military, Fire and Police, R.O.T.C. and military re-enactment groups.
Table Reservations: 6 FT. Tables ~ Member Prices: Display Tables - $35 each  Sale Tables - $45 each.
Contact Bill Price @ 615-661-9379 to reserve.
Room Reservations at Hotel: Call 615-261-6100 or 1-888-403-6772, talk with Ann Stricker or Andi Eastep; ask to receive the TMCA discount price of $89. plus tax. Deadline for this special rate is Nov 4th!

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Club News
The Fall Show is just around the corner. As usual, it has been sold out once again. If you have not made your final plans you need to do so. Discounted room rates at the Marriott must be made ASAP. We have a waiting list for dealers wanting you’re planning to cancel Price ASAP. We would like to help those on the waiting list, so they can make some plans.
OUR BIGGEST SHOW EVER !! Due to the fact that we keep selling out, we decided to add a second room. We rented to room just across the hall from the entrance to the main hall and we are able to get 26 more tables into this room. Believe it or not, we had dealers begging to move into the new room for those coveted wall spots and we have already sold well. The show will now be 287 show ever. If this works out, we would like to add a third room in the future. NEW ROOM! Be-cause of the unique layout of this we will continue to use the se-cond room, the tables will be our largest 26 more tables added BE SURE TO VISIT THIS cause of the unique layout of this will have more room both in front and A great room for those who like a little extra space.

Editor for this issue:
David Hoagey
John “Jack” Shelton Ragland

Born in Richmond VA April 22, 1937

He was in the Navy in the Engineering Division on the USS Benner (DDR 807). 1956-1962

Jack was an Electrical Engineer by profession.

Jack was loyal, caring and passionate about everything he was involved in with guns, his military collection, history and the proper use of the English language being at the top of his list. He was a talker and amazed everyone with his wealth of knowledge. The past 7 or 8 years Jack has been very involved in the Military Collectors Association. He started his military collection with a list which grew and grew (he got everything on it too and more). His main interest was in WWII and German items, but he has in his collection items dating back before the civil war. He has a nice display of metals with the most valuable to him being the ones he earned himself. He also has the correct bayonet and scabbard for every rifle. Authenticity was very important to him in everything including his life as an amazing human being, husband and father. He was a life member of the NRA, a member of the TFA, North American Hunting Club, RNC, and RSO Association at the Stones River Hunter Education Center as well as his active membership in the TMCA.

He gave his wife, Barbara, the best 10 years of her life before he graduated to a higher calling on Feb. 8, 2009.
Long time TMCA member William (Bill) C. Baker III, age 73, passed away suddenly just after our last show. Bill worked as a military historian for 37 years at the Tennessee State Museum. He was also a retired Army Lt. Colonel and the son of a retired Army Major General who was the number one graduate of his West Point Class in 1926. General Baker Sr. (then a Colonel) was with the 106th Infantry division during the Battle of the Bulge when 6,500 men of his division were captured.

Bill had probably one of the largest collections of early engraved pistols in this part of the country. His collection of firearms stretched from rare matchlock and wheel locks up to Class III weapons. Bill also collected early armour and medieval weapons. I case you're curious, Bill left everything to his lady friend ;-) 

TMCA Member Donald Kloke passed away August 13th at age 81.

Don was a World War II Veteran of the Army Air Corps. Don was a member of the Al Menah Shrine, St. John United Church of Christ. A graduate of University of Evansville as an Engineer. He owned is own company DeeKay Associates, Inc. Don was a Pilot as well and the owner of his own small plane.

Besides collecting Military weapons, Don also enjoyed model railroading.

Former TMCA President, Charlie Suggs passes away.

Charles Nelson Suggs (age 81) was a native of Chattanooga and spent three years in the Bonny Oaks School for Homeless Children. Mr. Suggs was a graduate of Chattanooga Central High School and the University of Chattanooga where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering Physics.

Mr. Suggs served honorably in the United States Army. After special training at the European Command Staff Intelligence School in Oberammergau, Germany, 1945–46 he served as the Intelligence Non-Commissioned Officer of the 4th Engineer Combat Battalion in the 4th Infantry Division.

Mr. Suggs was a long time employee of The Western Union Telegraph Company, Plant and Engineering Department, Chattanooga Works. In 1963 he accepted employment with Arnold Research organization (ARO, Inc.) as an Instrumentation Engineer at the Arnold Engineering Development Center.

He retired as a Lead Engineer in 1984 from Sverdrup Technology, Inc. at the Arnold Engineering Development Center, Arnold Air Force Base, Tennessee where he was engaged in the environmental testing of military and spacecraft propulsion systems.

Mr. Suggs was a Master Mason and a member of the Estill Springs Lodge. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of America. He had an avid interest in military history and was an active member of The Orders and Medals Society of America, The American Society of Military Insignia Collectors, Imperial German Collectors Society, Tennessee Military Collectors Association where he was a Life Member and Past President and was a Gold Badge member of the Ohio Valley Military Society.
A couple years ago the TMCA had run an article on Mrs. Winfrey Willis, the wife of PhM1c John Willis, of Columbia, TN, who was Killed in Action and was awarded the Medal of Honor on Iwo Jima in 1945. Mrs. Willis’s original Medal of Honor was destroyed in a fire back in 1965 and was replaced shortly thereafter. When we looked at the medal to run the article, it was noted that on the back that it was engraved “Display”, and not John Willis. Obviously it had come from a museum and was not an official Navy replacement medal. A request was then made for an official engraved replacement medal, and after a years worth of paper work and numerous calls, a replacement medal was finally awarded. The Navy had required proof a to the lose of the original, plus they required that the “Display” version be returned “first”, before they issued out the new Medal of Honor. The control of the Medal of Honor is taken very seriously these days. Note; this medal came straight from the Washington awards branch and not from St Louis as most replacement medals do.

During this process, it was noted by Commander Redding, USN, that Mrs. Willis was also eligible for the newly enacted Medal of Honor Flag. This flag is an official Ceremonial Flag, unique to Medal of Honor recipients only.

Public Law 109-364, Section 555, titled “Authority for Presentation of Medal of Honor Flag to Living Medal of Honor Recipients and to Living Primary Next-of-Kin of Deceased Medal of Honor Recipients,” dated October 17, 2006, established authority to award the Medal of Honor Flag, upon written request therefore, to the primary next of kin, as determined under regulations or procedures prescribed by the Secretary of Defense, of deceased Medal of Honor Recipients.

On Saturday, October 17, 2009, The Navy flew in from Washington, Rear Admiral M. H. Mittelman to present both the Flag and a replacement Medal of Honor. Members of the Navy’s Hospital corps, former shipmates from the USS John Willis, Mayor Gentner and TMCA members were all present to assist in the ceremonies.

The event was held at and hosted by the American Legion Post 19, Columbia, TN.
TMCA donates a cake and refreshments for the Medal of Honor Flag presentation and sets up displays.

Life members, Jimmy Howell, David & Janice Hoagey, and Mark Sawyer set up displays and helped provide refreshments for the event.

Since PhM1c John Willis was a Navy Corpsman, the displays concentrated on South Pacific US Navy medical and USMC items, with captured Japanese.

Jimmy Howell explains the role of a WW2 Corpsman to a guest and hands out a TMCA Show flyer.

Janice Hoagey helps cut the cake for Mrs. Willis

Even the “Poppy Queen” attended.

Members of the local American Legion Post 19, look over displays of Japanese relics.

Commander Redding and fellow sailors look over some of the displays

Old “Display” Medal

New “Engraved” Medal

Original WW2 Corpsman uniforms and memorabilia along with a photo of PhM1c John Willis.
Display Award Winners

1st Place
Donnie Schearer
USMC Covers and Uniforms

2nd Place
Doss and Ruth White
Japanese Grenade Dischargers

3rd Place
Raymond La Bar
Bayonets of Japan

Upcoming Events of Interest

OVMS Military Show, Wilmington Ohio  Nov 6-7
TMCA Military Show, Nashville, TN     Nov 27-28
Civil War Show, Nashville, TN          Dec 5-6
AMCA Military Show, Huntsville, AL     Jan 16-17

For Sale:

WW1 German Imperial Submarine badge, Marked “2” on pin. exc. cond. $625.00
98K Bayonet (CRS44 Paul Weyersberg, 1944). Scabbard, Ernest Pack & Sohne, unmarked
frog w/split at top (works fine), VG Con. Exc. Blade. $145.00
Stevens Mod 416 .22 trainer, US Property, “circle X” target barrel, VG Con. Great sights
$355.00
K-Bar type knife, Itica, US Marked, unmarked scabbard, Good Con.   $90.00
Lugar Holster, Pigskin, superb condition dbq41 (Erhardt & Kirsten, 1941) $785.00
SA Dagger, no scabbard, VG Cond. M7/66 (Eickhorn) 1942 $325.00
Luftschutz helmet, Fine Con. W/chinstrap $310.00
Gefreiter Chevron, bullion, un-issued. $25.00

US Model 1836 flintlock pistol, Robert Johnson, 1841, fine cond. $1,900.00
NPEA Dagger scabbard (no Dagger), very good cond. With small horizontal crease
which does not effect dagger $600.00

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CLASSIFIED ADS

Ad's are free for all TMCA members – email: dhoagey@comcast.net

FOR SALE

Antique Locomotive Railroad Bells Caboose Whistle

17” Bronze Bell from around 1935 with original cradle $1,700

15” Bronze Bell from around 1900’s with non–pneumatic clapper in Reproduction cradle. $800

Caboose Whistle with air hose attachment.
About 40+ years old, used for backing up the train. $125

Contact Hume Parks (615) 292-3020

Order of Franz Joseph Star 2nd Class in silver Circa 1917-1918
V. Mayer’s Sohn Wein Commander Breast Star Ball tips on two points are missing $2,900
Dave (615) 479-4569
dhoagey@comcast.net

Your ad could be here for “FREE”

Just call or email
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For Sale: WWII era Model 1897 Trench Gun, 98 % original gun, 4–row ventilated handguard, all correct markings, $5,000.00, WWII M1916 holster ex+ $85.00, WWII M7 shoulder holster $75.00, WWII M1907 sling $85.00, US WWII pistol belt $30.00, Pouch, type CS-34 $20.00, WWII waterproof invasion bag $20.00, WWII 1911A1 magpouch $15.00, US M1 .30 cal carbine muzzle cover $15.00, WWII US ARMY compass with canvas case $40.00, Bill Price TMCA Life member #0006, 615-371-8027

For sale: Original cockpit instrument panels from a:

WW2 Japanese Mitsubishi Ki-57 “Topsy”

Contact Dave at (615) 479-4569 or email dhoagey@comcast.net

$9,900 for the set.

Only 406 ever built.

Used by Japanese Paratroopers

No known surviving aircraft of this type.

Extremely rare.

1953 Willys Military Jeep M38A1

#2300 OF 110,000. Collector’s vehicle. 90% restored as issued to U.S. Army 10/53. Original engine. All replacement parts came from Army ordinance stock. Serious inquiries. Contact Glen Cermak, (931) 308-7409.

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Check out the TMCA Web Page for club information and updates at:
www.tmcaonline.org and
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TennesseeMilitaryCollectorsAssociation

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THE TENNESSEE MILITARY COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION

TMCA 2009 Christmas Dinner and Meeting at
Historic Ferguson Hall
5350 Main St  Spring Hill, TN

Dinner Reservations: Email: TMCA@comcast.net or call Emily Townes 615-832-2321
Reservations and payment due by or at the Fall Show. Cost $22.00

Directions: Take I-65 S exit 53 to merge onto Saturn Pkwy/TN-396 W toward Columbia/Spring Hill. Turn RIGHT onto KEDRON RD. Turn RIGHT onto MAIN ST/US-31/TN-6. 5350 MAIN ST is on the RIGHT.

Tuesday
December 8, 2009
6 - 10 PM

Cost
$ 22.00
Per Person

Maj. Gen Earl Van Dorn

Ferguson Hall is one of the fine sights that may be seen while traveling down Hwy. 31 in Spring Hill. Building was completed in 1853 by owner Dr. John Haddox, one of the early physicians who practiced in this area for many years. He sold the property to Martin Cheairs about 1854. Ferguson Hall is most noted for an incident that transpired there in 1863 where Maj. Gen. Earl Van Dorn, Confederate cavalry commander was murdered by a jealous husband.