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2013 Fall / Winter Show

Where: Franklin Marriott Conference Center / Hotel
Cool Springs 700 Cool Springs Blvd., Franklin, TN 37067

When: Friday, **November 29th** - Dealer Set up & Members Only 9 am - 1 pm
Public Admitted 1 pm - 7 pm
Saturday, **November 30th** - 8 am - 3 pm

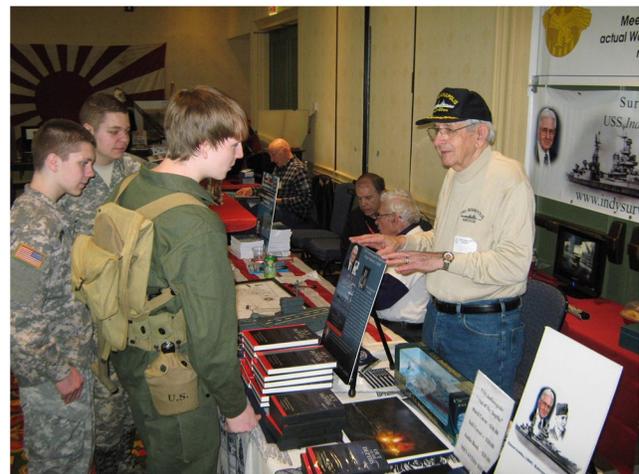
Admission: \$5. for Non-Members **TMCA Members get in free - Wear badge** Children under 12 free. Also admitted free, if in uniform: Members of US Military, Fire and Police, R.O.T.C. and military re-enactors.

What Will Be There: Uniforms, Medals, Insignia, Badges, Helmets, Weapons, Veterans, re-enactors. **Buy-Sell-Trade!**

Table Reservations: 6 FT. Tables ~ **Member Prices:**
Sale and Display Tables - \$45 each.
Contact Ronnie Townes @ 615-661-9379 to reserve.

Room Reservations at Hotel: Call 615-261-6100 or 1-888-403-6772, and ask to receive the **TMCA discount rate of \$97**, plus tax (normal rate is \$209). **Deadline for this special rate is November 5th !**

Club News



WWII Veterans: Forrest Bruner AMM2c (USS Lexington), and Cpl. Ed Harrell USMC (USS Indianapolis), visit with guest at our Spring TMCA Show. Both plan to attend the Fall 2013 show.



1st photo sent. I could not believe it was still there.

IPhone text : *“Dave, this medal is at an estate sale for \$35, should I pick it up for you?”*

By the time I received the text with this photo attached, 2 hours had gone by and I thought to myself, “There is no way that medal, a rare British Distinguished Flying Cross (cased), will still be sitting on the table, at an estate sale for just \$35, especially after several hours”.

I called my friend (a co-worker and non-collector who lives in North Carolina) and asked him about what he had seen. He said that the medal and several others were in the sale and he would go back and see if they were all still there.

IPhone text: *“Dave, they are all still here, \$35 a piece, do you still want them?, There is a trunk in here as well with a guy’s name on it”.*



Original photos texted to me from the sale.

I could not believe it, they were still there! This would never happen back in Nashville, collectors and dealers would be hanging out at the door at 3:00am waiting on this type of sale to open. This North Carolina sale was actually advertised in the paper as having WWII medals and a trunk full of militaria. Oh yes, he grabbed them all for me!

Later after I made contact with the original family, they said they had too much stuff to keep around and needed to get rid of some of it. They had no interest in the military relics. Good thing is, they were very helpful in gathering for me some additional information about the former owner.

Colonel James J. Stone Jr.

**78th Fighter Group Commander 5/43 - 5/44, P-47's
“The Duxford Boys”**

Deputy Commander 66th Fighter Wing

2 Confirmed air to air victories, 1 damaged, 1 probable.

3 U.S. Distinguished Flying Crosses

British Distinguished Flying Cross

Silver Star

3 Air Medals

Colonel Stone flew P-47's in WW2 and F-86's in Korea. He was one of only 964 foreigners to receive the British Distinguished Flying Cross. I am still trying to find information on exactly why he received the medal which was presented to him directly from British Air Marshal Sir Leigh-Mallory in 1943. It may have just been an Honorary award.



Lt. Col. Stone Jr. standing next to, and flying P-47 41-6373. Note the 3 kill markings under the canopy. He was actually credited with 2 confirmed kills and 1 probable. Fuselage code HL-Z is for 78th Fighter Squadron, Duxford, England.





Air Marshal Sir Leigh-Mallory presents the British Distinguished Flying Cross to Lt. Colonel James A. Stone, Jr., of Staten Island, New York during a ceremony at Middlesex, England on 16 October 1943.

British Distinguished Flying Cross, (DFC)

Instituted: June 1918 - The instituted date of 1918 is on the backside of all British DFC's

Made of Silver by the Royal Mint

Established for officers and warrant officers of the RAF in respect of acts of valor while flying in active operations against the enemy. The DFC is issued unnamed, but Second World War crosses usually have the year of issue engraved on the reverse of the lower limb. After 1993, the award can be issued to all ranks. This particular cross awarded to Lt. Col. James J. Stone Jr. has the year 1943 and the initials of King George VI. 20,364 DFC were awarded during WWII with only 964 honorary awards going to non-commonwealth country recipients.

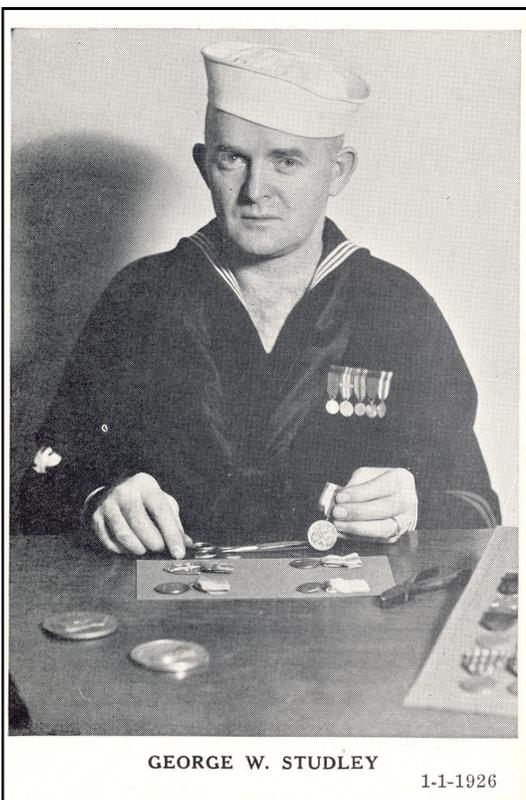


All of the awards to Colonel Stone Jr. were in their original boxes of issue. Most were early made and numbered medals. All are in mint condition and appear to have never been worn much.

Shown above is his very low numbered early US Air Medal with serial number # 869

The US Distinguished Flying Cross is numbered # 12069.

The United States stopped numbering medals early on during WWII and never really kept track of who they were actually issued to by number. Prior to WW1, campaign medals were mostly numbered and the recipient was usually tracked. Many medals from The Spanish American War thru the Mexican Border Service can be traced to the original owners, all via the serial numbers on the rim.



GEORGE W. STUDLEY

1-1-1926

Those so called “Studley” War Medals

US Military medal prices can vary greatly between two medals that appear to be of the same type, and from basically the same period. There are many reasons for this and to be honest, there is not enough room to cover all of them in just one article.

As you dig through your Great-Grandfather's medals from the Spanish American War, or even your Great-Great-Grandfathers medals from the Civil or Indian Wars. You may come across an old campaign medal that you “just know” has to be 100% real, but soon, a fellow collector tells you it's not, ...it's just a “Studley”.

Regulation War Medals



GEORGE W. STUDLEY

BOX 396

AVON, NEW YORK

Illustrated

Price \$1.00

Studley Catalog July 1961

How can it be a fake ? It has been in my family for almost 100 years, and just what is a Studley anyway ?

Well let's look back a bit into the history of American Campaign medals. The military did not issue campaign medals until after the Civil War, and even then, they were not authorized, nor issued until January 11, 1905, some 40 years after the Civil War had ended. Due to a poor system of records and no way to really make contact with past veterans in order to distribute these official medals, the government just waited until a veteran put in a request for them. They were then mailed out to the veteran. Many veterans simply did not know this process, or they just wanted extra copies for various reasons. They soon begun seeking other more convenient means to obtain medals for their service. After WW1, with patriotism and pride running very high, veterans from all the wars, Civil War, Indian Wars, Spanish American war etc., were looking for these copies of these medals. Soon they were wearing them with pride. Remember, at this time, many of these early veterans were actually still alive.

All this patriotism leads to opportunity, in fact a business opportunity. Private companies started making and selling everything from patches, insignia, swords and of course, campaign medals to all those veterans.

These medals were not meant to be sold as fakes, in fact, nobody collected them as such back then. They were simply medals that were made to be displayed and worn by those veterans who earned them. This practice is still done today, collectors just call them “private purchase”. Collectors today will pay a premium for original government issued or government contracted medals, and not so much for those private purchased ones. This is just one the reasons for the disparity in medal prices today. First Issue, second Issue (replacement), or private purchase.

So who was George W. Studley and were does he fit in with collectors today? Mr. Studley was a WW1 Navy veteran (U.S.N. 1909-1922), who saw the need for a supply of veteran's medals and thus begun making and selling them. After starting in the early 1920's, Studley continued selling medals up until the early 1960's. He attended VFW meetings, veteran's reunions and even published a catalog to sell his products. Most of his items were insignia and campaign medals. After 1928, because of a new law, he did not sell full size (regulation size) decorations for valor or achievements, such as the Purple Heart or DSC, or even the Good Conduct Medal, but he still made and sold all those in miniature. Studley's 1961 catalog still listed the Medal of Honor in miniature for just \$7.50.

Studley bought up dies and parts from various other companies and also made up his own. Like many other companies, his manufacturing techniques changed over the years, and the techniques used can help date them.

UNITED STATES DECORATIONS and MEDALS



Illustrated without ribbon to enlarge medal.
Note respective ribbons on color chart.

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UNITED STATES ARMY MEDALS
(Price includes Ribbon and Concealed Bar Pin)

	Reg.	Min.
Congressional Medal of Honor		\$ 7.50
Distinguished Service Cross		4.00
Distinguished Service Medal		5.00
Silver Star		4.00
Distinguished Flying Cross		4.00
Soldier's Medal		4.00
Purple Heart		4.00
Civil War	\$7.00	3.00
Indian War	7.00	3.00
Spanish Campaign		3.00
Spanish War Service	4.00	3.00
Cuban Occupation	4.00	3.00
Puerto Rico Occupation		3.00
Philippine Insurrection	4.00	3.00
Philippine Congressional		3.00
China Relief (Boxer War)	4.00	3.00
Cuban Pacification	4.00	3.00
Mexican Service	4.00	3.00
Mexican Border	4.00	3.00
Victory (World War I)	3.50	3.00

Where prices are not quoted, they are furnished upon request. Prices subject to change without notice.

Items under regulation size medals can only be furnished when and if they can be secured by us.

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SERVICE CLASPS

For Regulation size Medals..... \$.30
For Miniature size Medals..... .25

Army of Occupation	Italy
Aisne	Russia
Aisne-Marne	Serbia
Aviation	Siberia
Cambria	Armed Guard
Chateau-Thierry	Asiatic
Cantigney	Atlantic Fleet
Champagne-Marne	Aviation
Defensive Sector	Destroyer
Lys	Escort
Meuse-Argonne	Grand Fleet
Montdidier-Noyon	Mine Laying
Oise-Aisne	Mine Sweeping
St. Mihiel	Mobile Base
Somme Offensive	Naval Battery
Somme Defensive	Overseas
Soisson	Patrol
Vittorio-Veneto	Salvage
Verdun	Submarine
Ypres-Lys	Sub Chaser
England	Transport
France	West Indies

The above named clasps are carried in stock. If uncertain of correct clasps state Division or Ship. We do not have record of unattached units.

All men who served at the Front rate one Defensive Sector Clasp in addition to the Regular Battle Clasps.

Navy men rate the Clasps that cover their service and extend up to March 30, 1920. Navy men entering the service after Nov. 11, 1918 up to March 30, 1920 that served in Russia, Siberia or the Asiatic rate the Victory Medal and Clasp covering that service.

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July 1961 Catalog. Note: Miniature Medal of Honor for \$ 7.50



Above from a July 1932 Studley Catalog.

Clasps for the WW1 Victory medal.

Note the following "unofficial" clasps.

- Army of Occupation
- Chateau-Thierry
- Cantigney
- Soisson
- Verdun
- Serbia



Note the misspelling of Cambrai on the Studley miniature clasp above. Left is a Studley Mini clasp. Right is an original full size clasp.

Also note that Cambrai is spelt wrong, Studley listed and made them as Cambria. These unofficial Studley clasps have been found in WW1 Veterans trunks from as far back as the 1920's.



Studleys mixed in with original clasps.



Left: Top and bottom medals are both Studley's. The two center medals that are numbered are government contracted. Right: The thicker medal on the left is also a Studley.

Some of the common trademarks of a Studley are: Added thickness to the rims, poorer quality overall, copper versus bronze coloring, poorer details and no serial numbers.

Display Award Winners

Spring Show 2013



1st Place

David Rogers

WW2 Japanese



2nd Place

Ron Black

British Airborne



3rd Place

Darrel Bailey

Japanese Medals

Upcoming Events of Interest

TMCA Show	November 29-30	Franklin, TN	Military Relics Show	300+ tables
Civil War Show	December 7-8	Franklin, TN	Civil War Relics Show	1,000 tables
ACMA Show	January 17-18, 2014	Huntsville, AL	Military Relics Show	

CLASSIFIED ADS



For Sale: 3 inch Field Cannon - U.S. Model of 1902

\$7,500



Original Wooden wheels in great shape. No Breech Block. Un-restored. Nice project gun or perfect for your yard. Last of the horse drawn wooden wheeled field guns. Mexican Border, WW1 era.

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TMCA Life Member # 5 Located in Nashville, TN

HELP WANTED !

I am always looking for articles / ideas for this TMCA Newsletter, as I am beginning to run out of knowledge in my restricted tiny little brain.

If you have anything to contribute, please let me know. Several members have written articles in the past and we have had great feedback from those.

A variety of inputs from fellow collectors would give us all new ideas and expand our knowledge base. This would also help in preventing us from reading about the same subject areas. You know I only write on what I know, and that is very little in this big area of collecting :-)

Send articles or ideas to:

dhoagey@comcast.net

Thanks, Dave

CLASSIFIED ADS

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

1. 3x5 (approx.) Political State flag. \$400



2. 3x5 (approx) Kreigs Battle flag, perfect condition, \$600



3. WWII Iron Cross , 2nd, unissued with wrap-per, exc, \$125



4. SA Dagger, early "C&R Linder" manufacturer, Solingen-Weyer, over-all excellent +, \$750

5. S/42 Luger, 1936 dated, all matching numbers except mags (2), but both match, original 1936 dated holster with take-down tool, excellent. gun is about 90% with good straw colors, excellent wood. \$2200

Contact: Mark Sawyer 615-417-9744



UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS COLLECTION

WWII thru Viet Nam.

Officer and Enlisted:

Uniforms;
Blues, Khaki, Dress Whites, Mess Dress, Evening Dress, Greens.

Shirts, Slacks, Ties, Footwear, Covers.

Rank, Awards, and Insignia:
Collar, Shoulder, and Sleeve
N C O Sword

Reference Material:
Books, Magazines, Videos / Tapes, Auction Catalogs

Some uniforms are named and have documentation with them. I also have 6 mannequins for display use, 1 foot locker and many other items.

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James Deitz signed limited edition print, "The Beginning" \$650. US Army Air Forces summer flight suit, Tan cotton, SZ 40R, Good cond. \$65. U S Army Air Forces type A-9 lined flight trousers, Ex cond. sz Med. \$65. US Army OG 107 Slant Pocket Ripstop Poplin Shirt , Sz Med -R Ex. cond. \$40. US Army OG 107 Ripstop Poplin trousers Sz. Med-R Ex. cond. \$40. VN era butt pack \$25. VN era canteen, cup, cover, pistol belt \$24. US Army MX 991/U flashlight \$12. VN era US Steel Helmet w/cover \$65. Chinese MIG Fighter Pilot Anti G suit, mint cond. \$60. US Prop. marked Model 1873 Colt revolver, with Colt letter \$7,500. Harrington-Richardson 1873 Cav. Carbine, mfgd. 1970's, mint, cal 45-70 \$795. Leader mfrg, saw-off shotgun, made 1880's 12 Ga. 201/2" AOL. Form 4, \$350. Cane Gun,early 20th century, Cal 38, ATF \$5 transfer \$350. Springfield WW II M1 Garand CMP gun, \$1,200. Chinese mfrd,1960's SKS (import) C&R,good cond. \$350. Czech VZ 50 .7.65 cal. pistol.Good cond. 2 mags. \$350.

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WANTED & COLLECTING



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Civil War and Confederate Photography

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*It's showtime again !!!
November 29-30th*



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Old Snap Shots of TMCA members enjoying the hobby.

