

# The TMCA News

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## 2013 Spring / Summer Show

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

**When:** Friday, **March 29th** - Dealer Set up & Members Only 9 am - 1 pm  
Public Admitted 1 pm - 7 pm  
Saturday, **March 30th** - 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-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 March 5, 2013!**

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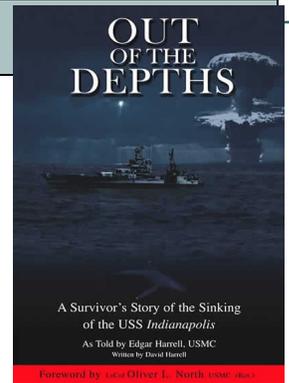
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## Club News



Two honored World War II veterans will be attending the Spring Show. Both have authored books and will be selling and signing copies. Please feel free to take the time to visit and chat with them about their wartime experiences.

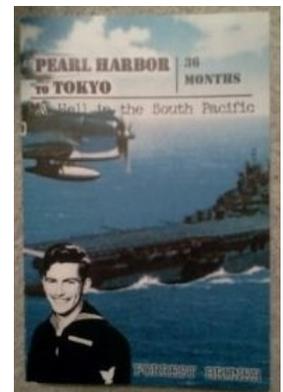
**Cpl. Edgar Harrell USMC, survivor of the USS Indianapolis sinking following the delivery of the Atomic Bomb. Out of the Depths.**



USS Lexington (CV 16) at sea, 11 May 1943.  
U.S. Navy photograph. (80-G-68113)

**Forrest Bruner AMM2c  
Aviation Machinist Mate  
onboard the USS Lexington.**

**Pearl Harbor to Tokyo - My 36  
Months of Hell in the South  
Pacific.**



## Lieutenant Colonel Robert W. Murphy, AUS , Retired - age 63

The TMCA regrets to inform it's membership of the passing of long-time member Bob Murphy on October 18, 2012.

Many of us will remember Bob as a courteous and reliable man of impeccable character. He will also be remembered for his show displays of many years past.

Bob served in the Army National Guard for over 34 years and was appointed as a second Lieutenant in the field artillery after completing the Tennessee Military Academy Officer Candidate school. He served in a Corps level support center, that was one of the first Tennessee guard units called to active duty for operation Desert Storm. Many members of that unit recall not only his attention to detail on behalf of unit personnel, but also his keen devotion to duty.



WERNER G. GOERING CREW - 358th BS  
B-17G #43-37838 Fearless Fosdick (358BS) VK-A  
(crew assigned 358BS: 07 Aug 1944 - photo: 10 Aug 1944)

(Back L-R) 1Lt William D. Sachau (B), 1Lt Jack P. Rencher (CP),  
2Lt Rex H. Markt (N), Capt Werner G. Goering (P)

(Front L-R) S/Sgt Paul A. Bishop (WG),  
T/Sgt Chester "Chad" Brodzinski (R),  
T/Sgt William J. LaPerch, (R),  
T/Sgt Orall R. "Gus" Gustafson (E),  
S/Sgt Clarence W. Houseman (BT),  
S/Sgt Weldon T. "Tex" Mahan (TG)

The crew's B-17, Teddy's Rough Riders, was nearly shot down on November 21, 1944, over the Leuna chemical complex in eastern Germany. Hit hundreds of times by flak, with two engines gone, the aircraft slowly limped home. Rencher waited for Werner to give the command to bail out; once he did, Rencher would have to assassinate Werner and take control of the aircraft. At the last possible moment, the men spotted the English Channel. They had made it. In the course of writing his book, Frater discovered that Hermann Göring and Werner Goering were not related after all. It seems that Karl Goering's kinship claims had been nothing more than a way to gain recognition in Salt Lake City's German community, and he would never know that his false claims almost cost his son his life. When Frater learned that there was no relation, he immediately called Werner. "His response was calm, muted, and, I believe, profoundly grateful," he recalls.

## Was Hermann Göring's nephew a B-17 commander with the U.S. Army Air Forces during World War II?

USAAF Captain Werner Goering certainly thought he was related to the infamous Commander-in-Chief of the Luftwaffe. The American Goering was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, in 1923, shortly after his family emigrated from Germany. His father, Karl, often boasted to the local German-American community and to his family that his younger brother Hermann was a World War I fighter ace and adviser to Adolf Hitler.

According to Stephen Frater (whose new book, *Hell Above Earth*, St. Martin's Press, 2012, tells Werner Goering's bizarre tale), when the United States entered the war in December 1941, Werner enlisted, completing flight training in Santa Ana, California. But his military career stalled when intelligence officers realized the implications of having a Goering in command of a B-17.

After an FBI investigation, Werner was allowed to serve—under one condition, which was kept hidden from him. His co-pilot, First Lieutenant Jack Rencher, had orders to kill Werner should the B-17 be forced to land in Europe. Under no circumstances could Werner be captured alive, for fear that he would be used for propaganda purposes by the Nazis.

The men were assigned to the 303rd Bomb Group, Eighth Air Force B-17 squadron based at Molesworth, near Cambridge, and bonded during training, eventually becoming best friends.

## German World War I Propaganda Postcards

The collecting of World War I German military postcards is a fascinating area of interest to the students and collectors of the Great War. These photo postcards produced between 1914 and 1919 reflect on many captivating aspects of the conflict and the military branches involved.

### Naval Torpedo Graduating Class



The companies of W. Sanke, Gustav Liersch & Company, Neue Photographische Gesellschaft (NPG), as well as by lesser-known companies such as Paul Hoffmann & Company and Verlag Henry Rothenberg saw an opportunity for a large profit from the sale of these cards and the support given them by the German government. The German government thought of the cards as a positive and patriotic form of propaganda. The Postkartenvertrieb W. Sanke in Berlin published a series of about 600-700 numbered postcards, showing World War I air aces between 1918 and 1920. These sets are some of the most collected German postcards today.

The postcards were issued in many other areas of interest. Some depicted Naval commanders, their ship's crews and armament. Graduating classes from all branches of services were especially popular as well as all of the other important personal events. These postcards were sent home to their girlfriends and family. Pictures in the field of conflict featuring machine gun crews, Yeager units, Calvary charges and other events were photo and published. The Kaiser and Royal family and his Generals were also highly sought after. The postcards became so popular that they were collected by the German people much as sport cards are today.

At our next show, please take the time to visit and explore the German postcards that will be offered by our dealers. The selection will amaze you and might start your interest in the Great War that will soon be celebrating a 100 year anniversary. Our book dealer Lance Frickensmith and other dealers will have a great selection of reference materials that will help you put the cards in perspective.



### Postcard of a German WWI Military Family Gathering for Christmas



## War Souvenirs

So were did they really come from ?



### NS-Reichskriegerbund

By 1938, almost all former German Veterans organizations (DKB, NS-RKB etc.) were combined into the:

Nationalsozialistische Reichskriegerbund.

I just love the above photo, why? Because it simply tells it all. Nothing that these two are wearing would have been found on a German soldier in the field, at least one who was fighting in the trenches during WWII. Despite that fact, this couple are both wearing some of the most common relics that were brought home, by those souvenir hungry GI's.

With WWII veterans passing away in record numbers, I am buying more and more relics from the family members and not the actual veterans themselves. It seems that everything I'm finding today, was "taken by my dad off a dead SS officer, one of course that he shot himself". I had one guy actually tell me that he had a rare "Blue Max" medal that his dad had captured from a German ace, naturally after he had shot the ace down. When I showed the guy a photo, similar to the one above, that "ace" and his Blue Max, apparently were not what he expected. He then began to put up an argument about how the woman in the photo, must be wearing her "sons" Blue Max medal. I decided it was time to translate the medal for him. The words "Der Deutschen Mutter" written on the front of the medal, read:

"The German Mother".

Today, a typical pile of veteran relics consist of many small items such as, pins, patches, badges and medals. This was because they were very easy to carry and easy to send home. GI's looted most of these items during the final days of the war and shortly thereafter, while waiting their turns to go home. These items came from abandoned houses, shops, even the trash. Basically, they looked in any place they could find them. Most honest veterans have told me that they simply traded chocolate and cigarettes with the local population for most of these souvenirs, and most of that was actually after the war had ended. It makes total sense, the local population was starved for small luxury items that these GI's had, and the GI's were starved for souvenirs. After all, what did a German WW1 veteran need with all those pins and buttons that Hitler gave him in the 1930's and 40's, just to boost his moral. Germany was defeated for the second time in 27 years, and all he really wanted now - - - was just a good GI issued cigarette.

# What are some of those awards that this couple is wearing ?



Mother's Cross for having lots of children.

Bronze 4-5 children.

Silver 6-7 children.

Gold 8 or more children.

*Note: Hitler Youth members were required to salute any women wearing the Mothers Cross.*



Soldatenbund members breast eagle. They were basically the Registered Soldiers League and they were combined into the NS-RKB in 1938.

*Sort of like combining our VFW with the American legion.*

Most were WW1 German Veterans.



DRKB Deutscher Reichskriegerbund hat. German National Veterans League. Membership was made up primarily of WW1 German veterans.



NSKOV (National Socialist War-disabled support organization) membership pin.

*Similar to our DAV, (Disabled American Veterans).*



DRKB Shooting Award



DRKB 25 or 50 Year Membership Pin



NS-RKB members pin

1938-1945



WW1 grouping of service medals

- Iron Cross 2nd Class

- Faithful Service medal, in this case from the region of Wuerttemberg

- Hindenburg Cross 1914-1918



NS-RKB member's district cufftitle "Sudwest" from the National Socialist-State Soldiers League, or better known as the Reichskriegerbund, which was a German veterans organization compiled mostly of former WW1 German veterans.

Display Award Winners

Fall Show 2012



1st Place

Donnie Shearer

Combat Photography



2nd Place

Garnett Stencil

Japanese Nambu Pistols



3rd Place

Pat Gibson

German K98's

Upcoming Events of Interest

SOS Show - February 28 - March 2	Louisville, KY	Military Relics show	2,000 tables
TMCA Show - March 29-30	Franklin, TN	Military Relics Show	300+ tables
Knob Creek - April 12-13-14	West Point, KY	Machine Gun Shoot	
ACMA Show - June 21-22	Huntsville, AL	Military Relics Show	150+ tables

The Alabama Military Collectors Association's  
14th Militaria Show

June 21 - 22, 2013

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- Display Tables: \$25

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Tennessee State Museum - Military Gallery

"In the Footsteps of Sergeant York" - Uses modern-day science to rediscover an important historic event Sergeant Alvin York, a native of Fentress County, Tennessee, was one of the most decorated American soldiers in World War I. The focus of the new exhibit, "In the Footsteps of Sergeant York", is on York's battlefield experience as part of the American Meuse-Argonne Offensive in 1918. **The exhibit is free to the public and will be on view through May 9, 2013.**



Between 2006 and 2009, three expeditions were conducted to Chatel-Chéhery and the Meuse-Argonne battlefield where York fought. During those expeditions empirical data and artifacts were collected to determine the location where York's Medal of Honor exploits took place. The exhibit will make use of these discoveries, along with collection pieces from the Museum of the American Military Experience, GIS/GPS equipment used during the expeditions, archival images and short documentary clips of York, the Western Front, the Meuse-Argonne, to lead audiences through the process of how this important place, once thought lost, was rediscovered.

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These are much rarer than the jump smocks and most of the time these are missing the leg straps. This one is complete, minus just 1 button. It has a Berlin maker tag inside. Made by: Karl Heisler, Berlin C2

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**Tim Prince**

TMCA's 2012  
**Dealer of the Year !**



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



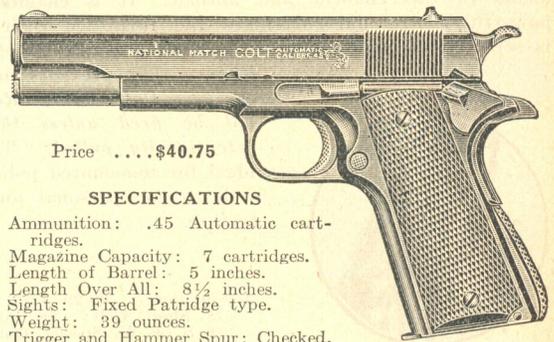
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**Stoeger's Catalog (year unknown)**

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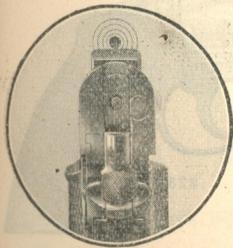
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