

# The TMCA News

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## 2014 Spring/Summer Show

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

**When:** Friday, **April 18** - Dealer Set up & Members Only 8 am - 12pm  
Public Admitted 12pm - 6 pm  
Saturday, **April 19** - 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. Ohio Valley Military Society members admitted FREE ~ Wear your badge!

**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 April 1, 2014**

## ATTENTION MEMBERS

## Club News

Two very important Show changes:

1.) Starting with the Fall 2014 Show, anyone who deals/displays from a table "must" be a TMCA member. This includes "all" table helpers (this excludes the dealer's wife and children under 12, but they must have an ID). This is driven by our Club's insurance company, not by the board or directors. It is for liability reasons only.

2.) Starting ASAP with or upcoming Show. Dealers will not be able to get in for set-up until "ALL" the tables are set up, marked and in place. The Marriott staff will be instructed to let no one in the Hall except Club Officials. Dealers with special setup needs who have normally been allowed to setup on Thursday night will be allowed entrance after the completion by the Marriott staff setting up the tables. As before, there will be NO SECURITY provided by the Club on Thursday night and the Club will have NO responsibility for lost items. The projected time for admittance will be around 7pm. There will be NO trading allowed during set-up. Please set-up and leave the hall. Any setup violations will result in the member being banned from early setup at any of our shows in the future.

The Club has security starting at 8:00 am Friday morning. All other dealers and members will be allowed in at that time. Also, all dealers "MUST" have signed a release with Emily "BEFORE" proceeding to their tables for setting up. Some forms were not signed in the Fall. This has been getting a little out of hand the past few shows, so we will be enforcing this policy more in the future. Note: You may see Club Officials setting up earlier than other dealers, this is only because they need be able to attend to their show duties as things get moving along and will not have time to set up otherwise.

All dealer and members must have on their TMCA credentials. No one is allowed in the Hall without proper ID at any time. If you see or suspect anyone in violation, please let the staff know ASAP. Anyone without an ID must pay admission and have access only during the shows "public" hours.



**“One of the Finest Overall Collections of Military Memorabilia in the Entire Midwest”**



**A-26 INVADER**

This is how Gen. William C. Westmoreland described the Indiana Military Museum in Vincennes, Indiana on his first visit over 20 years ago. Military historian and author Gerald Leonard recently wrote after his visit to the museum that “it may well be the finest collection of military memorabilia that I have seen across the U.S.”

The museum was founded over 30 years ago and incorporated as a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit museum corporation. Its founder and Chief Curator Judge Jim R. Osborne has been a well-known collector and military historian for over 50 years, Jim has also been a member of the TMCA Organization for over 20 years and is a regular at our shows.

Situated in one of the most historic cities in the State, the Indiana Military Museum is enjoying its second year at its new 14 acre location adjacent to the George Rogers Clark National Park. This is where one of the Western most battles of the Revolutionary War was fought. Its 6,000 square foot exhibit building houses displays and artifacts ranging from the Revolutionary War to the present day. The collections include insignias, flags, uniforms, weaponry, equipment and battlefield relics.

A whole host of aircraft, artillery, and military vehicles line the grounds leading to the museum’s main entrance and its huge warehouse stores dozens upon dozens of similar pieces undergoing restoration or awaiting exhibit in a multimillion dollar facility as set out in the museum’s Phase III plans for development over the next several years. The museum’s dozens of artillery pieces range from the Civil War through WWI, Korea, and WWII. There are 8 aircraft in its lineup ranging from a WWII C-47 and B-26 bomber to a Vietnam vintage F-4 and Huey helicopter. Expected by midsummer will be the arrival on an USAF F-16 Falcon.



**SCHOOL CHILDREN VISIT ON OPENING DAY**



**M-4 SHERMAN, M-5 STEWART & A JAPANESE TYPE 95**



**Pat Waters (left) presents a pair of boots worn by his grandfather, Gen. George S. Patton, Jr. to IMM Director, Judge Jim Osborne**

A full lineup of WWII vehicles range from a variety of jeeps to halftracks, armored cars, as well as tanks including the M-3 and M-5 Stuart, the M-4 Sherman, and a Japanese type 95. Amphibious vehicles include the alligator and duck. Currently the museum is planning a special event (June 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>) commemorating the Centennial of WWI. The restoration of a WWI French field hospital truck and seven WWI artillery pieces are currently underway in preparation for the event. The museum will bring out yet to be seen items that have been stored in its collection including Kaiser Wilhelm's Naval battle flag and a variety of Allied uniforms and equipment along with machine guns and small arms. Re-enactors and living history participants and special exhibitors are invited to participate.

The museum possesses artifacts that can only be seen in a few museums across the country including Gen. Eisenhower's D-Day Class A uniform; Gen. Patton's WWII tankers jacket; and Gen. Gavin's M-43 combat jacket worn on his historic jump in Operation Market Garden. Uniforms of other General Officers include those of William C. Westmoreland, Maxwell Taylor, Mark Clark, James A. VanFleet, Ira Eaker, Matthew Ridgway, Colin Powell, Alexander Haig, Peter Pace, and Tommy Franks, to name only a few. The museum has hundreds of other unique and one of a kind uniforms pertaining to Fighter Aces and decorated enlisted men including uniforms of members of the Band of Brothers and crew members of the Memphis Belle including its pilot Col. Robert Morgan. Flight suits from members of the Doolittle Raid and one worn by space shuttle command pilot Frank Culbertson can also be seen.



**Gen George S. Patton's Tankers Jacket**



**Chairman of the Board, and TMCA member Judge Jim R. Osborne gives a tour to TMCA members Bill Price and Roy Chilson**



**M-43 Jacket used in Market Garden by: General James M. Gavin. Commander 82nd Airborne Division**



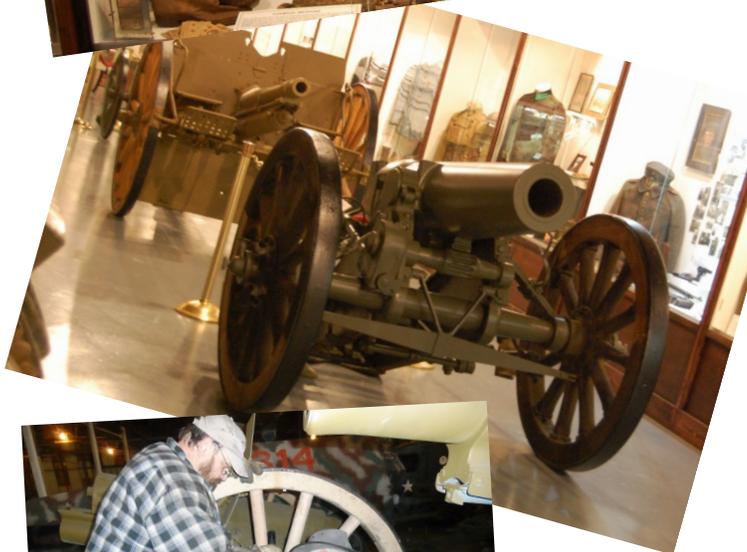
**Vietnam uniforms of:  
Generals Williamson, Westmoreland and Ochs**

The museum has recently acquired a 5-room WWII barracks building formerly located at the George Field Army Air Corps twin-engine training base in Southern Illinois. The barracks was saved from destruction 2 years ago and has now been restored indoors in the museum's warehouse. The museum also possesses a WWII Quonset hut which it is planning to move to the museum's new location this summer. The museum recently received news from the Department of the Navy that it will be receiving the Conning tower and tail of the USS Indianapolis Nuclear Sub SSN-697 by the summer of 2016 providing sequestered funds allow for its continued demilitarization.

The museum has an impressive lineup of Honorary Directors which include numerous military notables, Generals, Admirals, Aces, and Astronauts. Many of those have donated their uniforms and other artifacts to the museum.



**Afghan of a cavalry horse knitted by Elizabeth Custer and a letter sending the famous photo of Custer just after he was killed.**



**Museum volunteers at work restoring a cannon.**



**Medal of Honor for Peter Martin Boehm  
1845-1914**

**Civil War and Indian Wars  
Served under George Custer**



**Hat and 5 Star Flag belonging to General George Marshall**

The museum is located on the former grounds of the Blackford Glass Factory built in the 1920s. Rubble from portions of the factory complex now ring a portion of the outskirts of the museum property and provides excellent backdrop for re-enactors and living history enthusiasts. Also located on the grounds is a full scale Normandy gun bunker with 105 Howitzer and a dozen machine gun ports. The realism of the museum's grounds are an attraction for both its annual Salute to the Veterans of WWII event on Labor Day weekend of each year as well as special events pertaining to WWI, Korea, and Vietnam.

The museum draws some 10,000 visitors annually from all over the country and dozens of foreign countries. It is open seven days a week from 10:00a.m-4:00p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 age 6-18, Veterans and Seniors receive \$1 discount. Group rates are available through the Knox County Convention & Visitors Bureau by calling 1-800-886-6443 or visit the museum's website [indianamilitarymuseum.net](http://indianamilitarymuseum.net). The museum office can be reached at (812) 882-1941.

**The museum would be happy to welcome a visit by a group from the TMCA.**



**General Dwight D Eisenhower's D-Day Class A uniform.**



**On site full scale replica of a D-Day German coastal bunker and gun emplacement. Great staging area for battle re-enactment displays.**

*Editors Note:*

*This is one of the most unique museums I have ever visited. It is full of rare and original items from all wars. It is not just a room full of large reproduced images, wall size maps and famous quotes. It is a good old fashion museum full of the things that we collectors truly love....  
...real artifacts, and lots of them !*

*The museum is located north of Evansville, Indiana in the historic town of Vincennes, which is about a 3.5 hour drive from Nashville, or 2.5 hours from Louisville, KY. Well worth the trip.*

*One of my personal favorite items in this museum is the uniform of General Manuel Noriega taken during Operation Just Cause in 1989. I had liberated one of Noriega's uniforms just like this one from Noriega's beach house at Rio Hato on the morning of Dec 20th 1989. I later turned mine over to the US Army for display at the Ft Ord, CA base museum.*

*My hat is off to TMCA member Judge Jim Osborne for all his efforts in getting this museum up and running. I am looking forward to another visit soon, and encourage any TMCA member to come along. Dave*



**Uniform of General Manuel Noriega Operation "Just Cause" Panama 1989**

Display Award Winners

Fall Show 2013



1st Place

Mark Sawyer & Roy Chilson

WW2 Weapons



2nd Place

John Walsh

Civil War Images



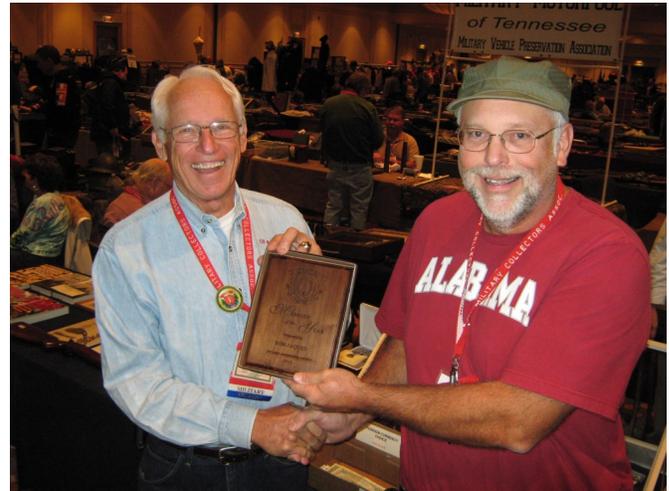
3rd Place

Scott Cromwell, John Brooks, Art Couch

Army Aviation



Dealer of the Year 2013 - Bill Brooks



Member of the Year 2013 - Bob Jaques



REMEMBERING WWII

SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2014 --- LINDEN, TN

- WWII Vets Sharing their Stories
- Booksigning
- Original DUKW, Tanks, Jeeps and various other period vehicles
- WWII Reenactment
- Reenactors
- Food and Drink
- DUKW rides

For more information, please visit our website:  
[HTTP://DOMINIONSKILLS.COM/REMEMBERING-WWII/](http://dominionskills.com/remembering-wwii/)



The TMCA Spring Show is honoring the Ohio Valley Military Society (OVMS). All of OVMS members will be our guest at the Spring Show.

Please welcome them!

**CLASSIFIED ADS**

Ad's are **FREE** for all TMCA members – email: [dhoagey@comcast.net](mailto:dhoagey@comcast.net)

**FOR SALE:** James Dietz limited edition signed /framed print "The Beginning" depicting the first combat jump of the 82nd ABN, 505 PIR in WWII. \$650 OBO. Signed/framed print "Jumping for Freedom" \$175 OBO. Unframed military theme posters \$5-\$10 each. Norinco NHM -91(RPK) new in box \$875. Zastava M57 pistol, new in box \$285. Czech VZ 50 7.65 mm semi-auto \$295, Astra 400 9mm Largo, w/2 mags \$475 Leader mfr. 1880's exposed hammer. 12 Ga. sawed-off shotgun must transfer w/ATF Form 4 \$295. Harrington-Richardson model 1873 Cav. Carbine mfg.1970's, mint, \$750. Colt 1873 revolver US prop marked w/Colt letter, comes with spare bbl. and cyl. \$7,500.



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## Wanted

U.S. Medals  
Purple Heart, Silver Stars,  
Valor Awards, Campaign Medals, Etc.  
All Time Periods  
Singles, Groups, Collections

**ROBERT WILSON**  
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**1936 Kreighhoff \$7,995**  
98% Original finish, all matching including magazine.  
Correct Grips and all correct markings. Hard to upgrade.  
**brubon2@bellsouth.net**  
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## WANTED & COLLECTING




Collector  
German Hunting Assoc.  
Items

**Ronnie Townes**  
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Nashville Tennessee

**Civil War and Confederate Photography**

**German Hunting Association Items**

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**1851 Colt Navy -**  
Hartford address 100% Original with all matching numbers incl. wedge. Smooth brown to grey patina w/nice original grips. Tight action. Above avg. condition. Most of cylinder scene remains **\$1,950.**



**1860 Fluted Cylinder Colt Army.**  
Hard to find in this condition. Crisp edges, matching numbers and original grips. All original parts. Pleasing aged brown patina. Cylinder numbered on face nipples and is correct. **\$5,750.**  
**brubon2@bellsouth.net (615) 585-0115**





**TENNESSEE MILITARY COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION**

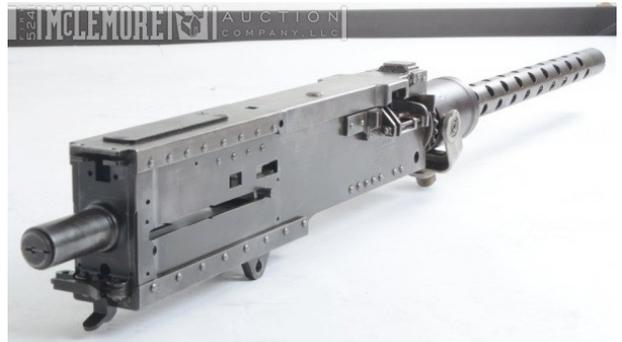
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Show Director : Ronnie Townes



**Browning .50 M2 from the B-24 "Lady Be Good", brings \$45,650 at Auction**



TMCA member Pony Maples, who unfortunately passed away on April 30, 2013 owed one of the rare guns recovered from the B-24 "Lady Be Good". This plane that was discovered in the Libyan desert back in 1958 after the crew perished while trying to walk away to safety. The Lady Be Good became the subject of several books and movies.

