

The TMCA News

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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.

What Will Be There: Uniforms, medals, insignia, badges, helmets, weapons. Buy-Sell-Trade.

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 4 th !**

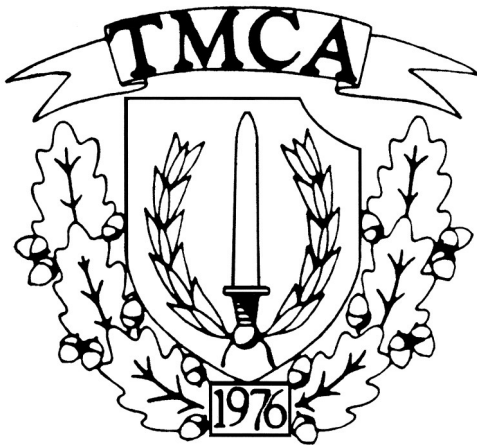
Club News

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 to attend, you need to do so. Discounted room rates at the Marriott must be made ASAP . We have a long waiting list for dealers wanting tables, so if you're planning to cancel yours, Call Bill Price ASAP. We would like to help those on the waiting list, so they can make some plans.

Sold out...again !!

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 out every table in this room as well. The show will now be 287 tables and will be our largest show ever. If this works out, we will continue to use the BE SURE TO VISIT THIS cond room in the future. NEW ROOM ! Because of the unique layout of this room, the tables will have more room both in front and behind them. A great room for those who like a little extra elbow space.

Second Room added 26 more tables !!



Editor for this issue:
David Hoagey

TMCA Christmas Party. This years party will be on Tuesday, December 8th at the Ferguson Hall in Spring Hill, TN. Each person will be expected to pay their own way. Cost will be \$22.00 per person. Dinner will be catered for us with a choice from two menus. Reservations: Call or email Emily Townes (615-832-2321 or TMCA@comcast.net).

The home was built in 1854, and was used as Confederate Major General Earl Van Dorn's headquarters during the Civil War. In May of 1863 Dr. George Peters murdered General Van Dorn in this house after having an affair with his wife. The Doctor was never brought to trial since it was justifiable murder at the time. A few years ago, a pistol was found between the walls during current renovations, was this the murder weapon ??? who knows, it's from the right period ;-)

We have the Hall from 6-10 pm, dinner will search about 6:30.

Ferguson Hall is located at: 5350 Main Street, Spring Hill Tennessee

For more info on this home, see: <http://www.tennesseechildrenshome.org/fergusonhall.htm>

Emily Townes, wife of Ronnie Townes will now be taking over the duties of **Linda Price**. Emily will be handling all memberships renewals, Newsletter mailings, accounting etc. A special thanks goes out to Linda for her years of service.

FEDERAL GUN LAWS CONCERNING RESIDENTS AND NON-RESIDENTS OF EACH STATE:

Non-Residents: Can NOT buy, sell or trade firearms to private individuals. You may sell firearms to any FFL dealer, regardless of their residency. You may buy long guns from a FFL dealer who is licensed in the same sate, provided the laws of both states are complied with.

Residents: May sell, buy trade from anyone who is also a resident, you can not buy, sell or trade with anyone who is not a resident. You may sell any firearms to any FFL license dealer regardless of their residency.

"NEVER" sell to anyone with a criminal or questionable background, it's not worth it, you'll be joining them in jail !!!!

Upcoming TMCA Club Meetings Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at the Piccadilly Cafeteria on Murfreesboro Road at 6:pm. Future dates: Nov 10, 2009, Jan 12, 2010, Feb 9, 2010, Mar 9, 2010, Apr 13, 2010. NOTE: We have been trying new locations, so call somebody first if you are not sure.

Al Reece, age 48, passed away May 14, 2009. Al was a long time TMCA member as well as a WW2 Re-enactor. Al collected relics for over 30+ years. Parts of his collection were pictured in Col. Norman Chandler's books, Death from Afar.



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

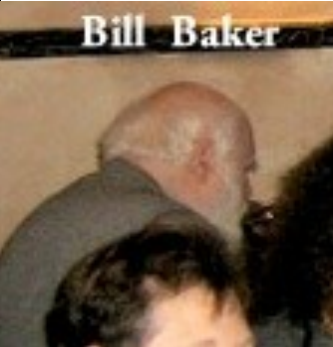
Jack was loyal, caring and passionate about everything he was involved in with guns, his military collection, history and the proper use of the Eng-

lish 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 ;-)



Cadet Baker Sr. 1926

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.



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.



Mrs. Winfrey Willis
Widow of PhM1c John Willis
Medal of Honor, Iwo Jima
Receives Medal of Honor Flag

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 as to the loss 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.





Commander Redding and fellow sailors look over some of the displays

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.



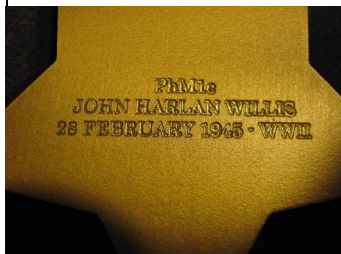
Jimmy Howell explains the role of a WW2 Corpsman to a guest and hands out a TMCA Show flyer.



Old "Display" Medal



Janice Hoagey helps cut the cake for Mrs. Willis



New "Engraved" Medal



Even the "Poppy Queen" attended.



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



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

Display Award Winners

Spring Show 2009



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
TMCA Military Show, Nashville, TN
Civil War Show, Nashville, TN
AMCA Military Show, Huntsville, AL

Nov 6-7
Nov 27-28
Dec 5-6
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

Ted Wiley (615) 834-5878

twdm@comcast.net



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**

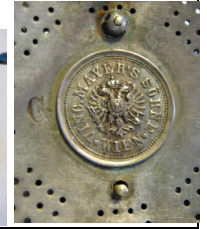
Caboose Whistle with air hose attachment.

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
Dave (615) 479-4569
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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



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.

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.



TMCA

THE TENNESSEE MILITARY COLLECTORS
ASSOCIATION

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

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TMCA 2009 Christmas Dinner and Meeting at Historic Ferguson Hall

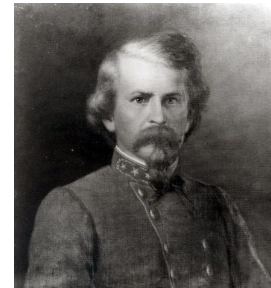
5350 Main St

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**



Maj. Gen Earl Van Dorn

**Cost
\$ 22.00
Per Person**

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.