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2012 Fall/Winter Show

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

When: Friday, Nov 23rd - Dealer Set up & Members Only 9 am - 1 pm
Public Admitted 1 pm - 7 pm
Saturday, Nov 24th - 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: Display Tables / Sale 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 \$95**, plus tax (normal rate is \$209).
Deadline for this special rate is October 30th !

Club News



TMCA and TNMVPA members set up a nice display and gave rides to the surviving WWII veterans of the **754th Field Artillery Bn.** The 754th's annual reunion, was held in Nashville this year.

Riding around in Tim Baltz's 1942 CCKW and Richard Hanson's 1943 GPW was the



Pow !!

hit of the reunion. Robert Nitsche brought out his live M3 37mm anti-tank gun,a weapon these guys were very familiar with !



Lt. Joe Ford rides again in a '43 GPW



B-24 “Marcia Ann”

by Charles Runion

B-24 serial number 41-239918 “Marcia Ann” of the 44th Bomb Group 67th Bomb Squadron was lost on the 1 October 1943 mission to bomb the Messerschmitt Factory, located at Wiener Neustadt, Austria. Her crew included **George Bronstein** Pilot, **Charles Erickson** Co-Pilot, **Jacob Cohen** Navigator, **William Archambault**, **George Berkstresser** Engineer, **George Click** Radio Operator, **Jack Shephard** Gunner, **Michael Prekopie** Gunner, **Harry Bolster** Gunner, and **Joe Mansfield** Tail Gunner.



Of these ten brave men Jacob and Jack were the only survivors. Last October almost 68 years to the day, I was at the crash site of Marcia Ann with my friend Max, a Historian and Author in Austria. He found an eye witness to Marcia Ann's fate who took us to the crash site. While we were all at the site, he told us what he witnessed that day, translated by Max.

“At the age of 15 on the 1st of October 1943 I witnessed an American four engine bomber crashing after an attack on Wiener Neustadt at this spot not far away from our village. The Bomber was coming in from north flying already low and trailing smoke. Two Messerschmitt 109s were following the Bomber and conducting several attacks on it coming from the rear. They were using their canons, which we heard very loudly. Suddenly the tail of the bomber broke away from the fuselage and the plane went into a near vertical dive crashing here. I was not able to observe any crew members who jumped out of the plane. When it impacted, there was a huge explosion followed by black smoke which formed a mushroom like cloud. We heard several more explosions which indicated that ammunition was cooking off. We ran over to the site to try and get closer. Several farmers were already trying to block off the site. On the way to the bomber several farmers found crew member who had successfully jumped out of the plane at low level. They surrounded him and started to talk to him. He had a white face and was obviously in shock. The crash site was covered in flames, to get closer was not possible, so we all went back to the village. When we arrived there some men started shouting at the American. The situation was becoming violent. The American realizing this pulled out a photo and showed it around. It showed him with a female and some kids (Very likely his wife and kids). A German NCO who was on holiday in the area arrived at the scene telling the men that he is a POW and will be handed over to the Police . The situation calmed down. The American was asking for

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water when one of the women present gave him a cup to drink. He smiled and said in German words: "The first water from Europe!". Everyone was astonished. Police forces from Lackenbach police station arrived. They took over the Prisoner. After a while Luftwaffe soldiers from Wiener Neustadt arrived too and blocked off the crash site. On the next day several farmers and the Luftwaffe soldiers went to the site. The fuel was still burning. They were able to gather the remains of the crewmen that were to be taken to Wiener Neustadt. In the next weeks the Luftwaffe returned to the site to collect the larger parts of B-24" The crash site is in a wooded area today, near a village not far from Wiener Neustadt.



There is something very unique to this crash site. An evergreen tree that is more than 70 feet tall and over 3 feet in diameter towers far above all the other trees in the area, as if to be a tribute to the brave men who lost their lives at that spot. We recovered a lot of artifacts at this site that will be preserved and displayed in the museum.

On the 1 October 1943 mission the 44th Bomb Group lost ten B-24 bombers.

TMCA Christmas Dinner ~ Tuesday, December 11th

The TMCA Christmas party/dinner will be held at the same location as last year.

The Currey Brook Farmhouse at 910 Currey Road, Nashville

Cost will be \$25 per person and it will be start at 6:30 pm.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED! Limited Seating

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Nashville Premiere exhibit Sgt. Alvin York

The Museums traveling display will be on exhibit in Nashville's State Museum, starting Nov. 9, 2012 for about 6 months.

Between 2006 and 2009, an international team of historians, archaeologist, and geographers made a series of expeditions to the Western Front battlefields of WW1 to rediscover the site where Alvin York made his epic stand against overwhelming odds and was then awarded the Medal of Honor, the Distinguished Service Cross, the Croix de Guerre (Cross of war), and the Ordre national de la Legion d'honneur (Legion of Honor) for his courage under fire. Much of their findings and many artifacts from these expeditions will be on display during this once in a lifetime exhibit.

Lifetime TMCA member Dr. David McCoy has been working for years to establish the Museum of the American Military Experience, a 501(c)3 organization.

With the help of several other TMCA members and a host of many local Tennesseans, the museum is ready for it's first exhibit this fall.

Visit the Nashville State Museum to see this wonderful exhibit, which starts on November 9th, 2012.



Original Collar disk from
Sgt. York's unit, the:
328th Infantry, Company G,
Excavated on the battlefield, at
the site of York's heroic action.



One of the original MG 08/15 machine guns captured by Sgt. Alvin York, and sent back to Tennessee. This weapon was on display in Fentress County, TN Court House during the 1920's and 1930's. It was later donated to the scrap drives in WWII. It was quickly rescued from scrapping because of it's historical significance, by a friend of the late Mr. Hume Park's. Sgt. Alvin York's town of Pall Mall, lays within Fentress County, TN.



**\$1,000 reward if
you know this
guy !!!**



Help catch this thief....\$1,000 reward on Crime Stoppers.

Several TMCA members have seen this guy in the past, at the Civil War shows in Nashville. He may also be attending our TMCA shows.

He stole \$7,000 worth of Civil War relics from the Battles for Chattanooga Museum and was caught on video.

See video at www.timesfreepress.com.

Anyone with information on the theft could earn a confidential cash reward up to \$1,000. Call 423-698-3333.

If you know him, call the number above. If you see him at our shows, notify security ASAP and let the shows directors know.

He is local, and thus he is a threat to all of us !!!!

Longtime TMCA member Tony Woolwine passed away last month. Tony was a avid collector of military weapons and active with the Korean War Veterans association.

WOOLWINE, Porter Anthony (Tony) Passed away on Monday, September 17, 2012 at the age of 75. Mr. Woolwine was born in Nashville, TN on June 24, 1937. Mr. Woolwine attended the Columbia Military Academy graduating in 1955. He served in the Army during the Korean War. After his discharge from the military in 1959, he attended the University of Tennessee, graduating in 1963. After working as a game warden for the state of Tennessee, Woolwine moved to Spartanburg, SC where he worked for Sulzer of Switzerland. Once he retired in 1992, Mr. Woolwine returned to Nashville to live until his passing.

We'll all miss ya Tony !



Display Award Winners

Spring Show 2012



1st Place

Pat Gibson

Civil War Relics



2nd Place

Ronnie Townes

German Shooting Association



3rd Place

George Brown

Ribbon Bar Art

Upcoming Events of Interest

- November 2-3 OVMS Show, Ohio Valley Military Society show, Wilmington, Ohio.
- November 23-24 TMCA show, Tennessee Military Collectors Association show Cool Springs Marriott Hotel.
- December 1-2 Civil War Show, Nashville, TN - Williamson County Ag Expo park.
- January 19-20 AMCA Show, Alabama Military Collectors Association show Huntsville AL.



Alabama Military Collectors Show
January 19 - 20, 2013

"Alabama's ONLY True Militaria Show"

Antique & Military Guns, Knives, Edged Weapons, Uniforms, Medals, Helmets, Flags, Badges, Field Gear, Photographs, Documents, Patches, Books and More....

- Friday, Jan 18th
 - Exhibitors: Set-up 2pm to 7pm
 - Members: 4pm to 7pm
- Saturday, Jan 19th
 - Exhibitors/Members 8am
 - Public: 9am - 4pm
- Sunday, Jan 20th
 - Exhibitors/Members 9am - 5pm
 - Public: 10am - 4pm

Location: Huntsville Jaycee's Community Building
2180 Airport Rd, Huntsville, AL 35802



Admission \$5.00 per Person
 • Members, Spouse / Children - Free
 • Children Under 12 - Free
 • Military, Police, Fire Dept. Personnel in Uniform - Free
 • Re-Enactors in Uniform - Free
 • Parking Free

150 Tables - Buy - Sell - Trade - Display - 24 hr Security

Table Reservations: 6 ft Tables
 • Members: \$45
 • Non-Members: \$55
 • Display Tables: \$25

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Guns for sale: TMCA member Larry Gallagher is selling his collection of guns. If you are looking for anything in particular, give Larry a call at: **(615) 833-7585**

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



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General Frank T. McCoy's M-1902 Sword

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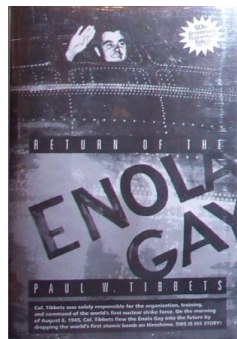
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Hardcover book, 60th Anniversary edition, **ENOLA GAY** signed by **Paul Tibets**, pilot, and **Dutch Van Kirk**, navigator.

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Longtime member selling almost entire collection.

Allach porcelain plates and mounted riders and other rare pieces large and small.

Japanese rifles, Garand's, German and American hand guns, including an M1C purchased from Scott Duff and his paperwork. American WWII uniforms, German General officer tunics named with dossiers. Unissued Luft helmet. 7 Luftwaffe swords, 2 police swords and various militaria from my entire collection.

Other interests (collector cars) are taking up all my time.

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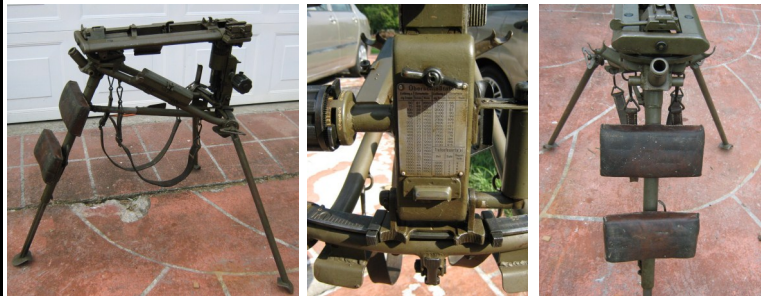
\$100 for 250 rounds

WWII Mg 34/ 42 Machine Gun "Lafette" mount \$2,300

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This appears to be a wartime rebuilt MG 34 mount that was converted to MG42 use. It's possible it's a Austrian rebuild, but it has all wartime parts and no "BH" Austrian rebuild stamp.

Data plate is correct WW2 German. T&E is 1943, front leg is pre 1944, sight bracket is 1943-onwards, rear legs are 1942-onwards, rear cover is 1941 and is really not needed, upper sleigh is 1942-onwards from an MG34.



FOR SALE: Original US WWII M41 Field Jacket, Mint cond. Sz 34(fits 38) **\$145**, US HBT shirt Sz 38,VG, **\$45**, US M3/M3a1 Submachine Gun ammo pouch, Vg .cond. **\$45**, US Navy WW!! Rain Parka, Sz 38,Ex. cond. **\$65**, US Army Air forces TypeA-9 ,Lined Flight trousers, Ex. Cond. Sz. med. **\$65**,US Air Corps Tan Wool crusher hat ,SZ 6 7/8,leather in great cond. wool has some nothing ,great for display **\$50**, D-Day style helmet net **\$12**, US Army 1918 dated ex. cond. canteen, cup, cover **\$50**, British P08 large pack, mint cond. (WWII dated) **\$45**, British WWII dated officers pack, mint cond. **\$50**. Bren Gun canvas barrel carrier, **\$85**, WWII dated Enfield rifle cover **\$65**, British, WWII dated ration bag, **\$15**. M1910, Russian Maxim wheeled mount with shield, WWII marked on frame, Mint cond. in original crate, **\$595**, US prop. marked 1873 Colt revolver, with Colt letter, **\$7,500**, Original MAC ,M-10 submachine gun, with "Hit Kit" carrying case and vest, Will transfer on a form 4, **\$4,800**. Leader Sawed Off shotgun 12 ga. 20 1/2" OA length, pat.date 1888,Form 4, **\$500**. Very early 20th century Cane Gun, Cal 38,ATF \$5.00 transfer **\$500**.

William Price , TMCA Life Member # 006

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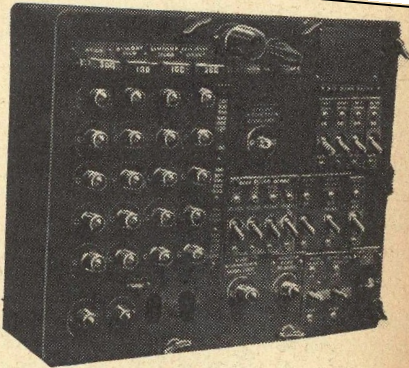
Show Director Ronnie Townes



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November 23-24*

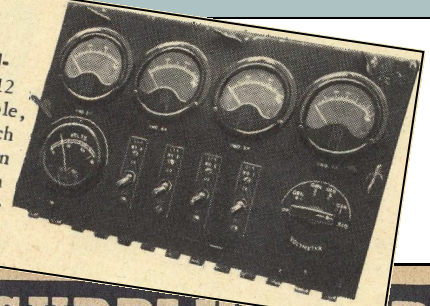
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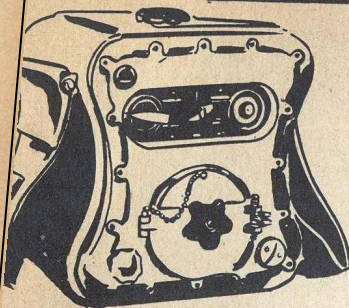


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