

The TMCA News

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2015 Fall/Winter Show

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

When: Friday, **November 27th** - Dealer Set up & Members Only 8 am - 12pm
Friday, Public Admitted 12pm - 6 pm
Saturday, **November 28th**- 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 – Display – Appraisals

Table Reservations ‘320’ 6 FT. Tables ~ Members only ~
Sale and Display Tables - \$45 each. SOLD OUT, call for waiting list
Contact Ronnie Townes @ 615-661-9379 to reserve.

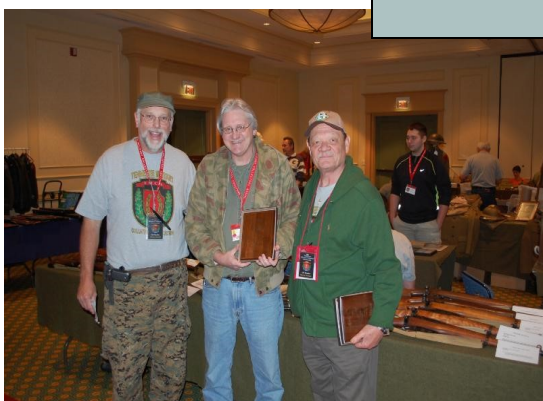
Room Reservations at Hotel: Call 615-261-6100 or 1-888-403-6772, and ask to receive the **TMCA discount rate of \$99**, plus tax (normal rate is \$209).
Deadline for this special rate is November 06, 2015

Club News

2015 PRESTIGIOUS LEON PULLEN AWARD

This award went to Pat Gibson for his display of Fine Military Firearms.

Mr. Leon Pullen (1936-2004) was an avid TMCA supporter and Naval Veteran. It was his wish that members of the TMCA should have the opportunity to display their collection and be recognized for their efforts. This award is given once every 5 years.

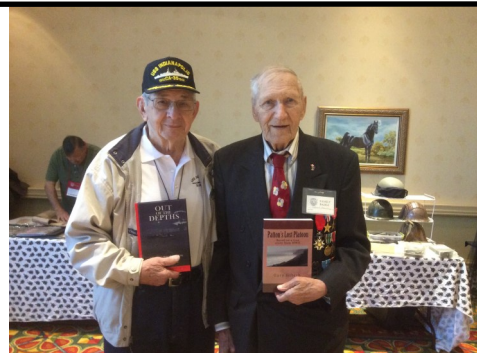


World War II Veterans

Special Show Guest at our Spring 2015

Edgar Harrell, Survivor USS Indianapolis
and

Colonel Bob Hamsley, Patton’s Lost Platoon.





TMCA wins NRA award for best Educational Display.



The TMCA was awarded The Distinguished Arms Display Award at the 144th Annual NRA Annual Meetings and Exhibits. The Convention which was held April 10-12, 2015 was the second highest attended NRA convention in the NRA's history. The three day event attended by a crowd of 78,865, packed the beautiful two year old Music City Center in downtown Nashville. There were 400 exhibitors showing items that ranged from a rare Colt-Vickers water-cooled machine-gun, rare prototype Lugers, a prototype Polish Radom rifle and a Hi-Standard carbine that was submitted as trials weapon when the U.S. Ordnance Department went searching for a weapon as handy to carry as a pistol yet to be as effective as a rifle in October of 1940. There were many other displays of rare and desirable firearms too numerous to mention. Exhibits of modern firearms and accessories were on hand at every turn. Col. Oliver North one of our nations true patriots was on hand to sign autographs.



During the meetings there were numerous speeches by GOP presidential candidates and entertainment by Country Music performers.



The TMCA display was skillfully constructed by club Vice-President Rick Moody and President Jimmy Howell. Bill Price and Randy Whitlock helped man the booth during the long visitor hours and passed out TMCA Club flyers to the visitors.

The display centered on artifacts used by the U.S. military during the First World War. Included was a full size trench diorama complete with doughboys in period uniforms and weapons. Additional weapons and memorabilia were displayed in glass cases up front.



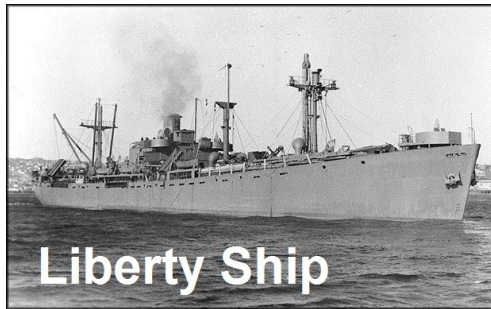
U.S. Merchant Marine Service During WWII

The merchant marine is collectively those commercial, non-naval ships that carry cargo or passengers or provide maritime services, and the civilian crewmen and officers who sail those ships. During WWII, most of these men sailed the 2,710 Liberty Ships built. Over 250,000 Merchant Marine sailors were trained during WWII. Estimated that 6,000-9000 lost their lives.

During World War II the ships and men of the United States merchant marine transported the vast quantities of war materiel, supplies, equipment and troops needed to fight and win the war. The men of the U.S. merchant marine were civilian volunteers who nonetheless died proportionally in numbers that rivaled or exceeded any branch of the uniformed military.

Despite their honorable, vital and heroic service during WWII, the men of the U.S. merchant marine were not accorded veteran status until 1988. The men of the U.S. Maritime Service, (U.S.M.S.) the organization that trained the men of the Merchant Marine, have never received veteran status.

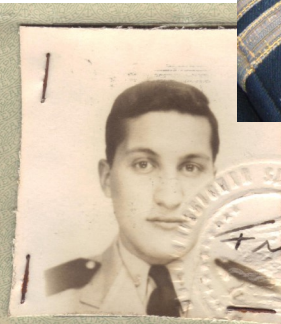
Lt. Frank H Parsons Jr. USNR



Lt Parsons WWII Merchant Marine Victory Medal



WWII Merchant Marine Uniform and Cap of:
Lt. Frank Parsons Jr.
Sailed on:
S.S. George W Brown
S.S. Peter Donahue
S.S. William A Richardson



Lt. Parsons graduated from the Massachusetts Maritime Academy on May, 4th, 1944. His training took 16 months and he specialized in Seamanship and Navigation.

Frank joined the Merchant Marine, and was also assigned as a reserve officer in the USNR.

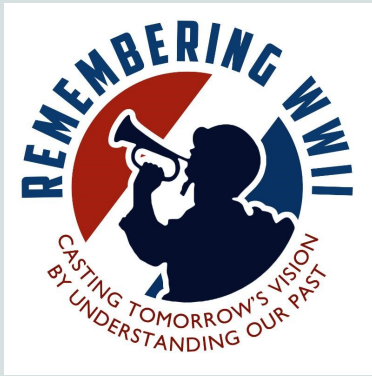
Lt. Parsons served as both 1st and 2nd Officer during WW2 on the following ships:

S.S. George W Brown

S.S. Peter Donahue

S.S. William A Richardson

He made numerous hazardous crossings of the Atlantic and was awarded the Merchant Marine Atlantic war zone ribbon, the Mediterranean- Middle East war zone ribbon, and the Merchant Marine WWII Victory Medal.



Remembering WWII Linden, Tennessee

Sept 25-26, 2015

Sponsored by Anthony Courter and family.

www.rememberingwwii.com



This is the 4th year that the Courter family has put on a wonderful WWII living history event in Linden, Tennessee. Each year the event has become larger and larger, and has taken over the whole town of Linden. This event is a “must see” on your bucket list of things to do next year.



The most often heard comment about this year’s “Remembering WWII” event has been: “It was the most amazing event I’ve ever been to!” Held in downtown Linden, TN on September 25-26th, we were privileged to honor about 40 WWII vets.

“Vet Alley” was set up where all the vets could sit, display their memorabilia, and share their stories with the public, while a few of our vets charged their stories from one of our two stages.

The day featured ’40’s music with the Merchants of Cool (live swing band), the Boyer Sisters (singing Andrew Sisters-style music), various other period music and speeches, as

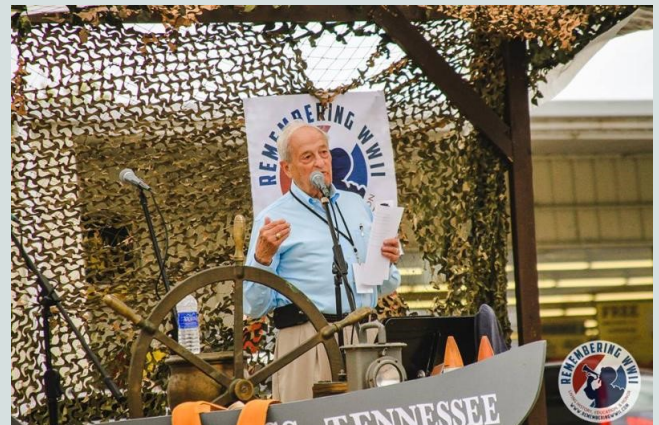
well as the 101st Airborne band playing patriotic music. Another “not-want-to-miss” highlight was the two half-hour reenactments where it was staged that the Germans occupied the courthouse and town as the Allied forces came in to liberate it.

Strolling down Mail Street, one would feel as if they had been transported in time — the store fronts were all decorated in period, vintage cars lined the streets, and hundreds of people dressed in period military or home front attire. Other adventures could be had by taking home artifacts or treasures purchased at the military and antique swap meet, walking through the American, British and German encampments, or riding in vintage or military vehicles. It was truly an amazing weekend.

-Anthony-



Staymates - Normandy beach landing, Battle of the Bulge, Captain of the Guards at Nuremburg.



Jerry Neal - 8th Air Force B-17, B-24 Pilot



*Don Jakeway
82nd Airborne WWII*



Display Award Winners

Spring Show 2015



1st Place
Iraqi War Souvenirs



2nd Place
US Test Lugers



3rd Place
M1 Carbines



Mark Sawyer, (age 61) Jan 5, 1954 – June 20, 2015.

We are once again saddened by the loss of another fine TMCA club member.

Mark Sawyer passed away while driving his family home from a trip to California.

Mark was a 30+ year veteran of the US Navy, retiring as a Master-Chief Petty Officer.

Mark had followed in his Grandfather's footsteps as an Aviation Ordnance Specialist.

Those of you who knew Mark, may have also known that his Grandfather, Lt. John Finn was awarded the Medal of Honor for action during the Pearl Harbor attack on Dec 7, 1941.

**** NEWS LETTER ARTICLES WANTED ****
If you have any articles that you would like published in the Spring/Summer Newsletter, please send/email them to Dave Hoagey by February 1, 2016. He will review and edit if needed.

Ohio Valley Military Show

Wilmington, Ohio - Roberts Centre

November 6-7, 2015

(513) 245-9540

www.sosovms.com



MODEL CONTEST

November 7, 2015 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Rutherford County Agricultural Center
315 John Rice Boulevard, Murfreesboro, TN
37129



Vendor information:

Walter Bowen 615-429-5191 bowen723@juno.com

www.ipmsmiddletennessee.com

The I.P.M.S. Modelers Show is looking for actual Military Vehicle displays to be set up in the parking lot.
If interested in helping out, contact:

Richard Hanson TMCA, TnMVPA at 615-300-0818

CLASSIFIED ADS

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



Erich Wehrmann

Longtime TMCA member is liquidating his large autograph collection. If you are seeking an aviation or military autograph see him at our November Show or send an e-mail to rjapilot@charter.net. He has early aviation pioneers, WW I pilots and aces, WW II pilots and aces, Korean War pilots and Aces, astronauts, etc. Reasonable prices. Robert Jaques

P.O. Box 1316
Hartselle, AL 35640

FOR SALE: They will be brought to the show.

Several **M91/30 Moisin-Nagant** rifles priced from \$225 to \$325 each.

Turkish Mausers \$200.00 each.

WWII Nazi proofed 98k \$575.00.

Japanese T99 rifles \$250.

M91/38 6.6 Carcano short rifle \$250.00.

First Generation 1873 COLT SAA Revolver U.S. Property. \$4,500.00.

I'll be bringing several boxes of **commercial ammo** I recently purchased from an estate. Thanks, **Bill Price**
TMCA Life Member #006 **615-371-8027**



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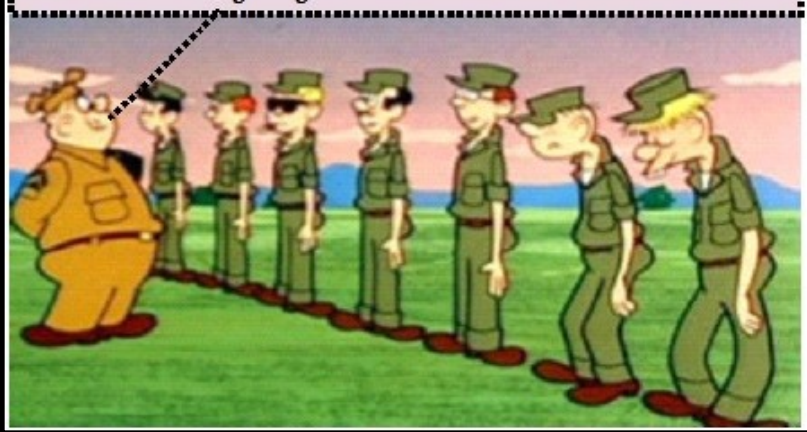
TOP PRICES PAID



Antique Historical Oak Display Case

This fine case was made at the Edgefield and Nashville Cabinet Company around 1890. It served at a dry goods store in East Nashville. The case is perfect to house displays for the collector or antique sellers. This Historical Antique Oak Store Display Case is Approximately 26 inches wide x 17 inches tall x 68 inches long.
Contact: Ronnie Townes (615)832-2321 or rrtownes@comcast.net

Hear up! The Tennessee Military Collectors Association are inviting us as their SPECIAL GUEST to the TMCA Fall/Winter Show at the Franklin Marriott on November 27th-28th. Just show your current AMCA badge to get in FREE!





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COLLECTORS
ASSOCIATION**

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Sgt. at Arms: Ricky Taylor
Show Director : Ronnie Townes



The annual **Christmas Party** will once again be on Tuesday December 8th, at the Currey Brook Farmhouse, located at: 910 Currey Road, Nashville, TN Start time is 6:pm.

Seating is limited so contact Emily ASAP if you are interested in attending. 615-661-9379. Cost will be \$25 per person~Pay at the Fall/Winter Show



There will be no guest speaker planned for this year. We are going to try just socializing with each other and see how things turn out.

