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2016 Fall / Winter Show

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

When: Friday, **November 25th** - Dealer Set up & Members Only hours
8 am - 12pm Friday— Public Admitted 12pm - 6 pm
Saturday, **November 26th**- 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

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Where: Franklin Marriott Conference Center / Hotel

Club News

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR A CASH PRIZE OF \$100 WILL BE AWARDED FOR BEST-OF-SHOW DISPLAY

In honor of World War I and the five WW1 Medal of Honor recipients native born in Tennessee, the TMCA will be giving out a single “Best of Show” display award during each of the next 5 TMCA Shows. The winner will receive a plaque with the name of one of the 5 Medal of Honors engraved on it.

The winner will also received a \$100 cash prize.

Display criteria is pretty simple, in order to be judged Best-of-Show, it must be related to World War 1. The display may relate to any nation or any theater of operation involved in World War 1. (1914-1918).

Other displays, during the Show, will still be welcome and are encouraged, however, only the WW1 theme displays will be judged for Best-of-Show and the \$100 cash prize. There will be no 1st, 2nd or 3rd place display winners.

Fall & Winter	2016	Joseph B Atkinson, Medal of Honor
Spring & Summer	2017	James Ernest Karnes, Medal of Honor
Fall & Winter	2017	Edward R Talley, Medal of Honor
Spring & Summer	2018	John Calvin Ward, Medal of Honor
Fall & Winter	2018	Alvin Cullium York, Medal of Honor



In Honor of the Brave Heroes and Citizen Soldiers who can no longer speak for themselves.

By: Robert Wilson

Private William L Arrington

Service# 33742864

DOB: 12 May 1925 Washington, DC

3rd Company, 1st Regiment, 1st Special Service Forces

KIA: est. 24-25 May 1944 near Cisterna, Italy

Decorations and Awards: Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign

Medal with 3 Bronze Service stars, World War II Victory Medal



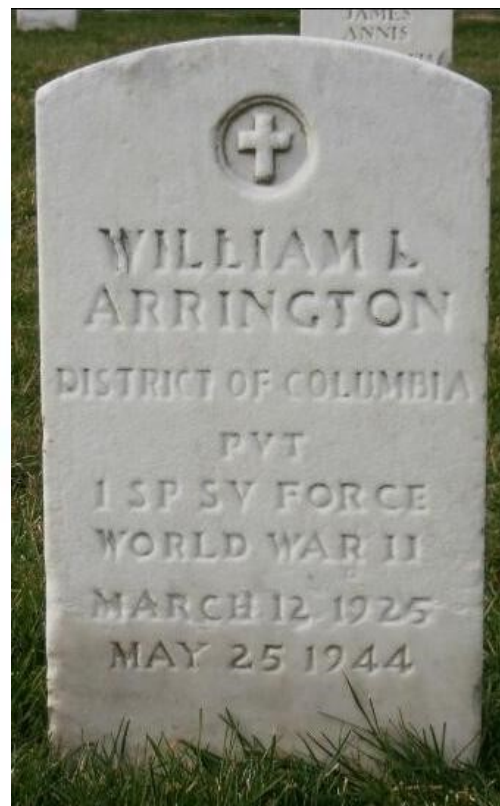
Private Arrington was killed in action when the 5th Army breakout offensive began on 25 May, 1944, the FSSF was sent against Monte Arrestino.

There were copies of letters written by Williams Mother trying to establish next-of-kin status. She states "My son was killed May 1944 crossing Hwy 7 on the drive to Rome. He was with the First Special Service Force. He was married -but his widow remarried in the Spring of 1945. I was divorced from his father and custody was awarded to me and the child was raised by me."

The Father wrote to Graves Registration this: "The daily paper stated that questionnaires were going to be mailed out soon to relative to bringing back the dead. My son William L Arrington 3rd Co. 1st Reg. 1st Special Service Force serial no. 33742864 was killed in action May 25 1944 on the drive to Rome. At the time of his death he was only 19 years and 2 months of age. But was married a few months before going overseas to a girl he had known only one month. She remarried within seven months of being notified of his death and refuses to correspond with me. She has been trying to hide her second marriage from me. My sons Mother and I want him brought back and buried at Arlington and due to the above mentioned facts. I think the questionnaire should be mailed to me or his mother. Where is he now buried?"

Respectfully, Fuller L Arrington"

Private Arrington rests in Arlington. Sec:12 Site 5025

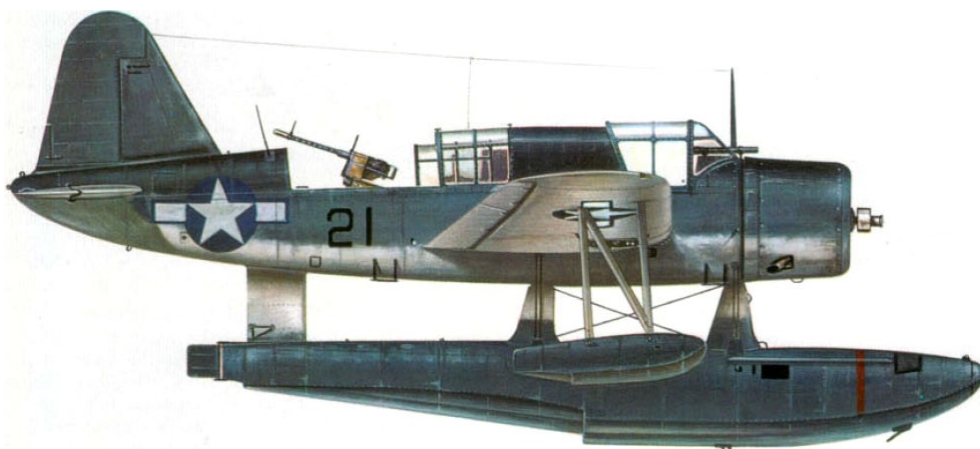


Lieutenant (junior grade)(LTJG) Donald R. Walker
 Birth:16 May 1922...Santa Ana California
 Kingfisher Pilot USS West Virginia
 KIA: 16 June 1945 Okinawa

Here is the story of LTJG Donald Ray Walker, he flew the Vought OS2U Kingfisher; a spotting plane among other things off the USS West Virginia. They were reconnoitering Okinawa for a firing assignment and LTJG Walker and his Observer Melvin Ladson took hits destroying their Kingfisher causing them to bail out and parachute into enemy territory. Both men were reported missing as the newspaper states. RIP Ltjg Walker and AVO3 Ladson

On 16 June, she was firing an assignment for the 1st MarDiv off southwestern Okinawa when her spotting plane, a Vought OS2U Kingfisher, took hits from Japanese anti-aircraft fire and headed down in flames, her pilot and observer bailing out over enemy-held territory. Within a short time, aided by Putnam and an LCI, West Virginia closed and blasted enemy guns in an attempt to rescue her plane crew who had "dug in for the day" to await the arrival of the rescuers. The attempt to recover her aircrew, however, was not successful.

On June 16 Marines were pushing Japanese to the Southern lip of the Island. I was called to replace LT Donald Walker for close support while Walker took my place further inland. As we went by each other we waved and a minute later Walkers plane was hit by AA fire. I saw Walker and his radioman Ladson bail out. I called in his coordinates but both men disappeared. Our fighters appeared in no time but found only 3 Japanese who were gathering up Walkers chute. All rescue efforts failed. Three days later the Marines reached the area and sadly found Walker dead in a cave. There was no mention of radioman Ladson.



Lawrenceburg WWII German POW Camp ~ April 1944 to March 1946

Camps Forrest, Campbell, and Tyson had other uses besides inducting and training soldiers during WWII. All three bases additionally served as prisoner-of-war camps for German, Italian, and Austrian POWs through 1946. Prisoners were also held at Tellico Plains, Crossville, Memphis, Lawrenceburg, and Nashville. Camp Forrest, which was the headquarters for several permanent and temporary POW camps in five southeastern states, processed approximately 68,000 prisoners.

During the war, a German POW camp was located in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee from April 1944 to March 1946. Over 330 German POWs were housed in large tents on Pine Bluff at the edge of Lawrenceburg City Limits. The prisoners cut wood and a few were contracted out to local farms as day laborers, and many of them got to know the locals quite well. When the war ended and the prisoners went home to Germany, they wrote letters to their American friends.

One Lawrenceburg family, the Brocks, kept the letters, and in the 1980s, one of their descendants found close to 400 letters stuffed in a corn flakes box. Curtis Peters (President ~ Lawrenceburg Historical Society), an in-law in the Brock family and an involved member of the Lawrenceburg Historical Society, kept the letters and made presentations on them for many years.

During 2015, the Lawrence County Historical Society took on a project to metal detect at the POW camp site, which is now privately owned by several home owners. Permission was obtained and a group of five history buffs started the process over several months. Lots of German items and US Military artifacts were unearthed. Items made by German POWs and POW letters **will be on display at the Fall 2016 TMCA Show** as well as many of the military artifacts that were dug up at the camp. A list of some of these items is listed below:

German POW WWII Artifacts found at Camp Lawrenceburg (April 1944 to March 1946)

German 1942 War Medal ~ *This was for the Italian German campaign in Africa in 1937/1942. Mussolini's National Fascist Party created this Italian/German African campaign medal in memory of the actions of the German Africa Corps DAK (Deutsche Afrika Korps) in the North African campaign..*
Found May 15, 2015

WWII German Panzer Unit Skull & Bones Emblem ~ dug June 3, 2015

German WWII Dog Tag belonging to a German POW ~ This is an Original WW2 Relic German Soldiers Dog Tag- ID ~ dug June 3, 2015



*Staff Company
Grenadier-Ersatz-Bataillon 437
(A grenadier in Replacement/
reinforcement Battalion # 437)
ID # 789 Blood Type*

German WWII Dog Tag belonging to a German POW ~ This is an Original WW2 Relic German Soldiers Dog Tag- ID ~ dug July 8, 2015
Staff Company, Grenadier-Ersatz-Battalion 15th Motorized (A grenadier in Replacement/reinforcement Battalion) ID # 1365 Blood type O



1941 French 50 Centimes Coin ~ dug June 22, 2015

Zinc 1 Reichspfennig coin was minted by Nazi Germany between 1940

and 1945



Dug June 22, 2015

Trench Art ring made from a coin ~ dug June 22, 2015

Barbed Wire bracket from roll of barbed wire ~ dug March 31, 2015

Small section of barbed wire ~ dug Nov. 11, 2015

Five German Army tunic buttons ~ dug between March 2015 and Nov. 2015

42 US Army General service uniform buttons (worn by both US soldiers and German POWs

at the camp) ~ the first one was dug on March 31, 2015

US Army button with anchor and thirteen stars (unidentified unit)

Several US Army insignia

Army / Navy whistle (made in England) ~ dug June 11, 2015

Pocket watch face and back ~ dug June 11, 2015

Pearl cigarette lighter ~ dug June 17, 2015

Gem Micromatic Open Comb Razor (Officer area of camp)

Hand Grenade Fuse ~ dug June 4, 2015

51 led washers (three with screw attached) used to secure tents to wood platforms

12 small US Army metal buttons

Canteen snap from web pouch

30 Cal. M1 carbine shell ~ dug July 8, 2015

Metal Cream tube with Berlin lettered on it ~ dug July 8, 2015

Gillette metal shaving cream tube ~ dug Sept. 13, 2013

US Army issue metal shaving cream tube ~ dug June 4, 2015

Mennen metal shaving cream tube ~ dug June 22, 2015

Colgate metal tooth paste tube ~ dug June 22, 2015

Nine lock keys ~ Found March thru Nov. 2015

Five horse shoes

42 Tent Grommets

Ax head ~ dug June 17, 2015

Tokin ~ dug July 8, 2015

File ~ dug Sept. 13, 2013

Buckles (various) ~ dug Sept. 13 to Nov. 2015

Liberty Standing quarter ~ dug June 11, 2015

1946 Lincoln Head penny ~ dug June 22, 2015

US Army mess kit ~ dug June 4, 2015

Various shotgun brass shells

Boot clips

Various pieces of cast iron from wood burning stoves

Wrist watch

Three Door knobs

Hundreds of other metal items yet to be identified!



Display Award Winners

Spring 2016



1st Place

John Schuler

WW1 Painted Helmets



2nd Place

Roy Chilson

US Military Weapons of WW2



3rd Place

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TGWC
Tennessee Great War Commission

Gov. Bill Haslam has appointed a nine-member Tennessee Great War Commission to create events, share information and educate others as they tell the story of the Volunteer State and its citizens who participated in World War One. Dr. Michael Birdwell, a Tennessee Tech University history professor, appointed by Gov. Haslam was unanimously elected chairperson of the commission. We look forward to welcoming Dr. Michael Birdwell and representatives of the Commission to share this information at our Fall/Winter Show.



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**It's showtime again !!!
November 25-26th**



Joseph B Adkison, Medal of Honor Tennessee, World War I

Adkison was born in Egypt, Tennessee and entered the Army in 1917 in Memphis. By mid-1918, Adkison and his division were involved in combat in France. On September 29, 1918, near Bellicourt, France, Adkison, by then a Sergeant, found he and his platoon pinned down by heavy German machine gun fire located fifty yards to their front.

Adkison, acting alone, charged the machine gun nest, kicked it over into the enemy trench, and using the bayonet fixed on his rifle captured the three man machine gun crew, allowing his platoon to advance. He was awarded the Medal of Honor in 1919.

Adkison died in 1965, and is buried in Salem Associated Reformed Presbyterian Church in Atoka, TN.

Medal of Honor Citation

Rank and organization: Sergeant, U.S. Army, Company C, 119th Infantry, 30th Division. Place and date: Near Bellicourt, France, September 29, 1918. Entered service at: Memphis, Tenn. Born: January 4, 1892, Egypt, Tenn. G.O. No.: 59, W.D., 1919.

When murderous machinegun fire at a range of 50 yards had made it impossible for his platoon to advance, and had caused the platoon to take cover Sergeant Adkison alone, with the greatest intrepidity, rushed across the 50 yards of open ground directly into the face of the hostile machinegun kicked the gun from the parapet into the enemy trench, and at the point of the bayonet captured the 3 men manning the gun. The gallantry and quick decision of this soldier enabled the platoon to resume its advance.

