

# The TMCA News

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

**When:** Friday, **November 29th** - Dealer Set-up & Members Only 8 am - 12pm  
Public Admitted 12pm - 6 pm  
Saturday, **November 30th**- 8 am - 3 pm

**Admission:** \$5. for Non-Members. **TMCA Members get in free early - Wear Badge**, Children under 15 free. Also admitted free Members of US Military, Fire, Police, and if in uniform R.O.T.C. and J.R.O.T.C members.

**What Will Be There:** Uniforms, Medals, Insignia, Badges, Helmets, Weapons, Veterans. **Buy-Sell-Trade-Display-Appraisals.**

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## Club News



**75th Anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge**

To commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge which is coming up in December, 2019, the TMCA will be giving out an award for the best **Battle of the Bulge** display during our Fall 2019 show.



Dig into your collections and bring out your best display.  
**The winner will receive a plaque and \$100 cash!**



## The “Hey I’ve got this old gun...” Phone Call. By Jimmy Howell



As fellow collectors, I am sure we have all had one of those phone calls. A good friend calls you up saying..., “I’ve got this old gun and I am not sure what I have.”

Sometimes the subject of the phone call is a fairly easy one to figure out. Other times it really has you scratching your head. The first gun in question is a no brainer.

My Friend is a pretty savvy gun collector in his own right. He knew what a really

nice, blued Colt Python is worth. A really nice gift, huh! The second gun is the subject of this article.

My friend told me that his cousin gave him the Colt Python and what he thought was a 98K Mauser. The cousin told him that one of their relatives had brought it home with him from World War II. After looking at some photos that he had emailed me, it appeared that he had a really nice 1934 Mauser Banner 98K.

The real mystery for me was the unusual cartouche stamped into the butt stock of the rifle. There was a circle within a circle and



the letters **Ch.d.A.** I wasn’t sure what those letters meant, but I had a feeling that it was going to be something good.

After doing some internet searching, I discovered that some recent information had come to light that would solve the mystery of the **Ch.d.A.** cartouche. This particular cartouche was used on about 10,000 rifles that were earmarked for the Sturmabteilung or SA.





The following is a very brief history of the SA.

### The SA

The Sturmabteilung, or SA was the Nazi Party's military strong arm. Its primary leader was a man named Ernst Rohm. Rohm was an early Nazi Party leader and a close friend of Adolf Hitler. Hitler would use Rohm and his brown-shirted SA Storm Detachment to protect the Nazi Party and to intimidate anyone that would get in his way. The SA grew so strong that Hitler feared that Rohm might decide that he didn't need Hitler around.

Rohm's biggest mistake was to underestimate how ruthless his friend Adolf Hitler was.

On June 29, 1939, Hitler personally arrested Rohm and gave him a choice. He could commit suicide or face a firing squad. He chose to commit suicide. This purge was called "The Night of the Long Knives". Over 200 SA officers were killed along with their leader.

My friend's rifle has all the correct markings and in the correct serial number range for a 1934 Mauser Banner 98K training rifle. I found an excellent book on the subject titled Karabiner 98K volume 1 by Bruce Karem and Michael Steves. On pages 178-179, there are some good photos of this type of rifle. The authors have uncovered documents that prove the **Ch.d.A** cartouche was that of the SA.



The rifle is cartouched with the **CHd'A** marking which stands for the chief of the Training system of the **S.A.** known as the **Chef des Ausbildungswesens der obersten S.A.**

On left side is "Ch.d A." in circle. In the fall of 1934 Director Zillinger authorized sales to the head of the training system of the SA leadership- the Chef de Ausbildungswesens (Amtes) der obertsen S.A. "CH.d.A" denotes the lead SA department in charge of equipping training detachments, and as such was involved in securing small arms for this purpose. 1934 sales included 12,093 in 1934 dated Banner K rifles. Also seen are the likes of Reichpost and/or Reichsbahn civil aspects of the government in actuality they were routed to the SA therefore making them the first issued to para military units like the SA/SS. Broad speculation as to the above but rare nonetheless. One of the first K98 types issued before the K98k.

This information proves that this is a very rare rifle and that my friend is very lucky to own it. The value of such a rifle is somewhere between \$3,500 - \$4,000.

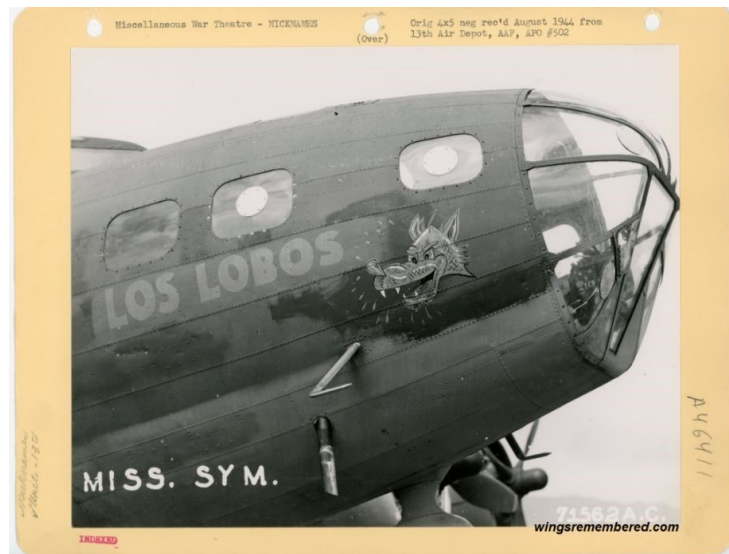
Two very nice gifts to say the least!

*Via the internet:*

*Additional 1934 Mauser's with similar SA markings*



**Gene Roddenberry, creator of Star Trek, was the Co-Pilot of:  
B-17 41-2644 LOS LOBOS of the 394<sup>th</sup> Bomb Squadron.**



**B-17 41-2644 LOS LOBOS**

**Nose Art section from LOS LOBOS**

The Wings Remembered museum located in Lebanon, TN has had this section of nose art from the B-17 LOS LOBOS for more than 20 years. During this time we had not been able to positively identify the B-17 that this nose art section was from.

That all changed recently when author and historian Steve Birdsall contacted us with this information.

B-17 41-2644 started with the 19<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group where it flew at least 16 missions between June and October 1942. Several of these missions were as a flare ship on night missions against Rabaul. It was later transferred from the 19th Bomb Group to the 5th Bomb Group, 394th Bomb Squadron in November 1942. After being reassigned to the 5th Bomb Group it operated from Fiji, Espiritu Santo and Guadalcanal. During this time the name LOS LOBOS and the nose art were added to the plane by Sgt. Charles Petrakos.

Gene Roddenberry, claimed to have flown 370 combat hours and over 80 missions, most of which would have been as Bill Ripley's co-pilot on LOS LOBOS.

Roddenberry got his own crew in June 1943.

When the plane was retired from combat, LOS LOBOS was used as a personal transport by 13th Air Depot commander General George McCoy. We believe that is when The Rover Boys name was added to the plane under LOS LOBOS.





Courtesy of Roddenberry Entertainment

Lt. Roddenberry 2nd from the left with B-17 41-2644



13th Air Depot commander General George McCoy



Gene Roddenberry (third from the right) in 1976 with most of the cast of *Star Trek* at the rollout of the Space Shuttle *Enterprise* at the Rockwell International plant at Palmdale, California.



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Roddenberry's War - Los Locos penetrating a tropical front in the Solomons. Illustration for Steve Birdsal 394th Bomb Sq. story

Illustration courtesy of artist Jack Fellows



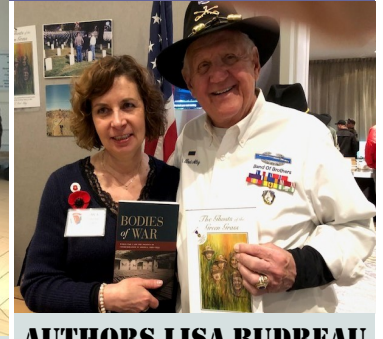
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**The Next Show of Shows:**  
**February 19-23, 2020**

If you collect Antique Arms and Militaria, this is a show that is not to be missed! With nearly 2,000 tables of items for sale, there are new treasures to be discovered each time you walk through the hall. In 2013, we overheard someone who was attending his first ever SOS. He remarked to his friend "When you look out across this hall, you can see the curve of the earth!"

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## Day on the Firing Range for TMCA Members



On October 7th, the owner of Owl Hollow Gun Range, Charlie Haffner allowed TMCA members exclusive use of the range for about 5 hours. Members brought out vintage military weapons to shoot and finished up with a taste of some good ole BBQ.



The TMCA is an affiliated club with the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP).



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