

The TMCA News

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2020 Fall 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 - 12 pm
Public Admitted 12 Noon - 6 pm
Saturday, November 28th - 8 am - 3 pm

Admission: \$5. for Non-Members. **TMCA Members get in early and free - 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.

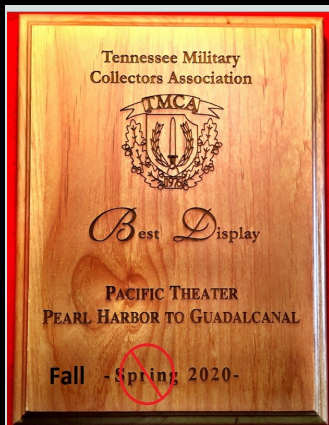
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Club News



75th Anniversary of the Pacific Theater Theme: Pearl Harbor to Guadalcanal

To commemorate the 75th anniversary of WW2 "The Pacific Theater," the TMCA will be giving out an award for the best Pacific Theater display during the Fall 2020 show. The Club is concentrating on the early Pacific campaigns 1941-43.

Note: At the Spring 2021 show, the Club will be honoring campaigns from Tarawa until the end of the war 1943-1945.

The winner will receive a plaque and \$100 cash.



THE 1936 PORTRAIT OF HERMANN WILHELM GÖRING PAINTED BY RENZ WALLER

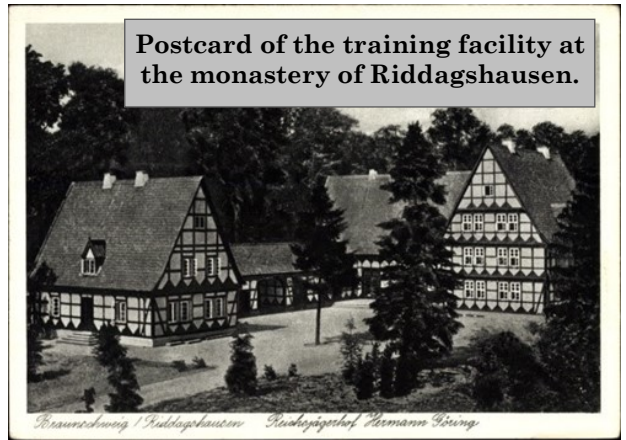


Hermann Wilhelm Göring (born January 12, 1893, Rosenheim, Germany—died October 15, 1946, Nürnberg), was a German military and political leader. When the First World War began, Göring held the rank of Lieutenant serving in the infantry. In 1916, he was transferred to the air force where he was trained as a pilot. He became a war hero and was known for his skills as a fighter ace. He was the recipient of the Pour le Mérite known as "The Blue Max". After the death of Manfred von Richthofen (The Red Baron), Goring was appointed the last commander of the legendary Jagdgeschwader (the Flying Circus).

After WWI, he became involved in politics and was second in command in Germany from 1932-1945. He was appointed commander-in-chief of the Luftwaffe (air force). A position he held until the final days of the regime. Göring was an avid hunter and outdoorsman. In July of 1934, Adolph Hilter appointed Goring the "Reichsjägermeister" and Reichsmaster of the German Forrest. As Reich Jägermeister, Going established the Reichsbund Deutsche Jägerschaft or German Hunting Association. This organization assumed the responsibility for all the Hunting Laws in Germany on private and State-owned land. All hunting authority was placed under one-man Goring. Anyone buying a hunting license automatically become a member of the German Hunting Association.



Goring enjoyed falconry and considered hunting with the birds of prey a historic and noble form of hunting and worthy of the support of the National Socialist Government. Hermann Goring as well as Heinrich Himmler were falconers and supported Falcon Master Renz Waller in his work of breeding birds of prey in captivity to increase their population in the wild. Goering established a breeding and training facility at the monastery of Riddagshausen outside of Braunschweig, Germany. In 1935, he placed the noted German falconer Renz Waller in charge of the Facility. Goring visited Braunschweig to inspect the facility and stayed there on state hunts with foreign diplomats; the first on 4 November 1935 and again in 1938. One of the visits was recorded in a news reel title "General Goring Gives a Shoot". You can watch it on YouTube and see Goring, Waller and others during the visit.



Pictures of Goring with Renz Waller from the news reel "General Goring Gives a Shoot". .

In 1937, Germany hosted the International Hunting Exhibition in Berlin. Each country that displayed tried to show the very best that represented its hunting tradition. Goring commissioned Renz Waller to paint his portrait with his falcon Comet. Waller used the photos of Goring on his visit to Braunschweig as his subject for the painting. This painting was to be the center of the Deutsche Falkenorden German Falconer's display at the show. After the exhibition, the painting was moved to one of Goring's residences. The painting disappeared after the war and did not reappear for over 60 years.

THE ARTIST "RENZ WALLER"

Signed by the artist on the lower side Renz Waller. Waller was the son of the German painter Anton Waller (1861-1934) who painted numerous churches with altar paintings, frescoes, and ways of the cross. Renz Waller studied under professor Julius Junghanns at Dusseldorf Art Academy. He was considered a painter of great talent and was known as a falconer and animal painter. In the 1930's -1950's he won several medals for his hunting and wildlife paintings at the International Hunting Exhibition events world-wide. Several of his works as well as his falconry devices are now part of the collection at the German Hunting Museum in Munich. Even more important than his paintings and art was the fact he is considered the greatest falconer of the 20th century. From around 1920, he operated the reintroduction of falconry

in Germany and was significantly involved in the founding of the German Falcon Order (DFO) in 1923, the master of which he was from 1932 to 1957. Between 1942 and 1943, Waller was the first to breed a peregrine falcon in captivity. His book 'Der Wilde Falk' ist mein Gesell (The Wild Falcon is my Companion). was published by Neumann-Neudamm in 1937 and has been the standard work of modern falconry ever since. In 1966, Renz Waller was awarded the Federal Cross of Merit 1st Class. His influence extended far beyond the borders of Germany - among other things, he was a honorary member of falconer associations in the Netherlands, Austria, France, Italy and North America because of his merits.



Pictured here is the postcard from the 1937 International Hunting Exhibition in Berlin showing the painting on display.

ELMER WILLIAM BERGMAN



Elmer Bergman and his wife Sylvia



Elmer William Bergman (born November, 1917, Worchester, MA—died August 2, 1993, Worchester, Massachusetts, United States of America) was inducted into the United States Army on February 23, 1942. He attended Officer Candidate School (O.C.S.) and the Army Finance School at Duke University, Durham North Carolina. He graduated in June 1943 and was appointed 2nd Lieutenant. He was promoted to Captain assigned as Finance Officer, Disbursements to the 101st Airborne. He served in the following campaigns; Normandy, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe. The 101st reached Berchtesgaden by the end of the war and performed

occupational duties until inactivation in Germany. His decorations included the Bronze Star, Belgian Fourragère, European-African -Middle Eastern Service Medal, Victory Medal and American Service Medal. Mr. Bergman served in and out of the Military until 1953. The Painting was sold from his estate sometime after his death in 1993.

MILITARY ANTIQUES EXTRAVAGANZA (MAX)

The painting was displayed first at the Military Antiques Extravaganza (MAX) show in Monroeville, Pennsylvania and later at the Show of Shows (SOS) in Louisville, Kentucky. It was purchased by a private collector and had been a part of his collection for many years. I displayed my German Hunting and Forestry collection at the SOS in 2017. It was at that show that I met the collector, for the first time, who owned the painting. After 3 years of conversation with the owner of the painting, he transferred the painting to me at the 2020 SOS. As we all know, we are only caretakers of these historical items and get to enjoy them while they reside with us. Current caretakers Ronnie and Emily Townes.

Article by: Ronnie Townes

Vietnam Era M35A2 2 1/2 Ton GUN TRUCK — 1967-1968

“PSYCHOTIC REACTION”



Restoration now complete: TMCA members Keith Durkee and Mike Ezell have spent the past year restoring a M35A2 2 ½ ton GUN TRUCK. With any luck, it may be displayed soon at one of our TMCA Shows.



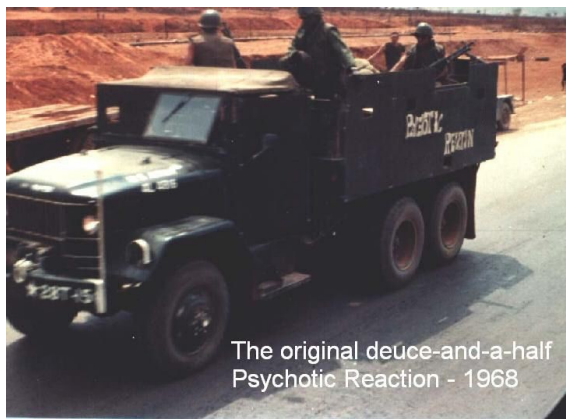
Keith’s gun truck carries the name and markings of Psychotic Reaction which was the name of an actual gun truck used in 1968 (see original photo). 1968 was also the year Keith happened to serve in Vietnam in the US Army.

During the Vietnam War, it was the mission of the US Army Transportation Corps to ferry supplies from the coastal ports of Qui Nhon and Cam Ranh Bay to inland bases located at Bong Son, An Khe, Pleiku, Da Lat, and Buon Ma Thuot. The logistical requirements of the MACV were huge, and 200-truck convoys were not uncommon. These formations were tempting targets for Viet Cong guerrilla groups, who often sprung ambushes in remote areas.

Protecting these convoys from ambush was a challenge. Jeeps could not do the job. The answer was to convert some of the trucks into defensive gun trucks in order to fight off an attack. Trucks had armor added and mounted .50BMG’s, M60 machine guns, M79 grenade launchers and later XM 134 mini-guns. The idea was that the gun trucks would

fire everything they had while charging the enemy during an ambush.

M35 2 ½ ton trucks like Keith’s were used in 1967-1968. In 1969, the Army started using 5 ton trucks. Overall, about 300-400 trucks were converted in field to gun trucks. About every 10th truck in a convoy



The original deuce-and-a-half Psychotic Reaction - 1968

Gun trucks were replaced with V-100 armored cars but they proved to be death traps. As a result, gun trucks stayed in use until the end of the Vietnam war.



TMCA member Keith Durkee is the owner of “Psychotic Reaction”

Keith is a Vietnam Veteran. He served as a Army Fire Direction Officer with the Mobile Riverine Forces. Keith holds the Silver Star , Bronze Star for Valor, ARCM for Valor, Purple Heart, Air Medal, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry for Heroism, and five (5) Bronze Battle Stars.

TMCA Schutzenfest

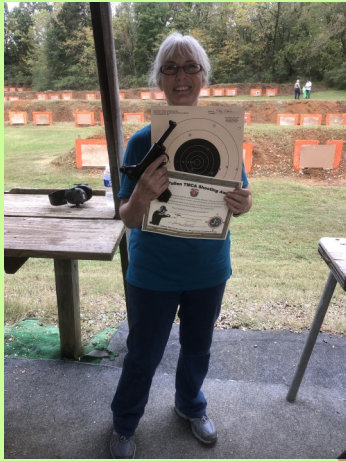
The Club has had several shooting events at the Charlie Haffner Memorial Range on Owl Hollow Road, Franklin, TN. These have been going very well and are becoming very popular. We have signed up new TMCA members each time.

TMCA members are starting to tail gate and selling collectables in the parking lot at the shoots. We are BBQ'ing up our own food and just having some good old fashion social fun with our Hobby. Everyone is invited and you do not need to own a gun or shoot. Just watch, socialize and have fun!

The Club is going to try to have a "Schutzenfest" each Spring and Fall when the weather is best. A small fee will be charged to help pay for the food and supplies. The range is reserved just for TMCA members during these events. We do have NRA certified Range Masters running the range. Just for fun, there are competition shooting events.

Fall 2020 Shooting Competition Winners

- ⇒ Open Military Pistol Shooting Competition – **Kathie Schuler**
- ⇒ 22 Caliber Pistol Shooting Competition – **John Burton**
- ⇒ 22 Caliber Rifle Shooting Competition – **Dave Hoagey**
- ⇒ Open Military Rifle Shooting Competition – **Gary Hill**



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Up Coming Shows

November 6-7, 2020 - Wilmington, Ohio. Ohio Valley Military Show (OVMS). *"The Cornfield Show!"*
The Roberts Centre, 123 Gano Road Wilmington, Ohio 45177. SOSOVMS.com

November 14 - 2020 Model Show, Murfreesboro, TN. 2020 MODEL-CON. Rutherford County Agricultural Center. 315 John Rice Blvd, Murfreesboro, TN 37129. 9am-4pm IPMS Rules Model Show and Competition
Info: 615-319-2837 durch@comcast.net.

December 5-6 - 2020 Civil War Show - Franklin, TN, ***** CANCELLED *****

February 17-21, 2021 - 2021 Show of Shows - Kentucky Expo Center, Louisville, KY - OHIO VALLEY MILITARY SOCIETY, INC.



2020 MODEL-CON Murfreesboro, TN

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Monthly Meetings and TMCA Christmas Party 2020 - NEW LOCATION Due to COVID-19

The Club is still planning to have a Christmas Party this year but we will have to change locations due to COVID-19.

New location will be at the same location as the monthly meetings (second Tuesday of the month).



The Mazatlan Mexican Restaurant in Brentwood.
MAZATLAN RESTAURANT (615) 376-9978. 116 Wilson Pike Circle,
Brentwood, TN 37027

They are allowing the Club to use the back room all to ourselves. There is a back door that they will allow us to use if you so desire.

Everyone will place their own private orders from the menu and pay separately. Drinks are available from the bar.

This year we feel that the Becky Daniels Farmhouse would just be to tight for COVID. Hopefully next year we can go back to Becky's for Christmas 2021.

For those that do not know, the Piccadilly closed and the property sold. (Photo of 2020 March meeting before COVID-19 rules). So, the Club has changed the monthly meeting location to Mazatlan for now. We are open to new ideas, so speak up if you know of someplace ideal for us.

