

# The TMCA News

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## 2021 Fall Show

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

**When:** Friday, **November 26th** - Life Members Only 8AM-9AM  
Members Only 9AM - Noon Public Admitted 12 Noon - 5PM  
Saturday, **November 27th** - 8AM - 3PM

**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.**

**Table Reservations** ‘310” 6 FT. Tables ~ Members Only ~  
**Sale and Display Tables - \$50 each. SOLD OUT, call for waiting list**  
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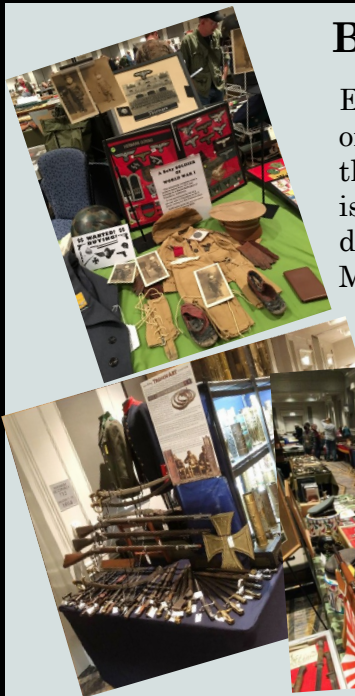
**Room Reservations at Hotel:** Call 1-888-403-6772 or 615-261-6100 and ask to receive the TMCA discount rate of \$114 (king/queen), plus tax (normal rate is \$209). **Deadline for this Special Rate is Nov. 11, 2021.**

## Club News

### Boys and Their Military Toys !

Everyone knows the old saying “Toys for Boys” or “Boys and their Toys”. The toys depends on the eye of the collector. So, the BEST DISPLAY is open to all areas of military collectables. The display must reflect the theme of “Boys and Their Military Toys”. Displays should be neat and well organized. They need to have visual appeal, creativity and uniqueness with the good use of artifacts, materials and space. Ask yourself does the display create an interest in the presentation and is the display labeled where it can easily be identified? Dig into your collections and bring out your best display.

**The winner will receive a plaque and \$100 cash!**



**Sadly, the TMCA has lost two more long time members and fellow collectors.**

**Robert T. (Bob) Jaques, 80.** April 28, 2021 **TMCA Life Member / ACMA Board Member**

Mr. Jaques passed away on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at his residence. He was born October 17, 1940, in Laramie, Wyoming, to Ralph Traxler and Marge Traxler and adopted by Paul and Anabel Jaques. Bob proudly served his country in the United States Navy. He was employed by and retired from JELD-WEN Company as a salesman.

Bob was into Militaria, Aviation, autographs, NASA, and Coin collecting.

Not only was Bob very dedicated and helpful to the TMCA, he was also a Board member with the AMCA (Alabama Military Collectors Association in Huntsville, AL. Bob's son, Jon Jaques is still an active TMCA Life member who collects Submarine memorabilia.

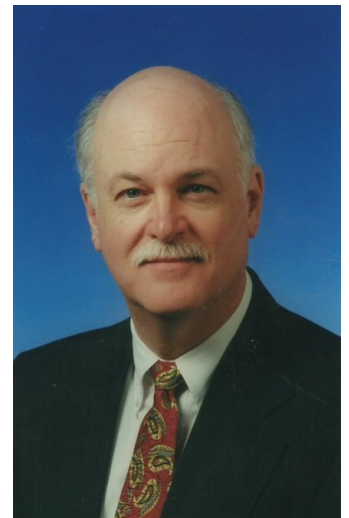


**Daniel (Dan) Eugene Lee, 72** Sept 18, 2021 **TMCA Life Member / TMCA Board Member**

Dan was born January 18, 1949 in Nashville, TN, a son to Bob and Nell (Bradley) Lee. Dan showed great responsibility and personal drive early in life, having a paper route for many years, graduating high school early, and earning his degree from David Lipscomb University before being drafted into the Vietnam War. Dan met the love of his life Janice (Dorris) in Nashville, TN and they married in 1976. He now gets to join her in Paradise, she having passed in 2018.

Dan had a great love of history, military artifacts, reading, genealogy, walking three and a half miles every morning, and spending time with his family. His sensible, sought-after advice, good-natured personality, extreme patience, and kindness to all will be remembered and always cherished by those who knew him. Dan saw every day as a blessing, and his geniality and optimism lasted until his time on earth came to a close.

Dan and his entire family have been extremely active with the TMCA since its very beginnings. As a TMCA Board member, Dan hard work and dedication to the TMCA has made it what it is today. Dan was this years TMCA Board President. Dan will be greatly missed and his shoes will be very hard to fill.



**Change / Update with the TMCA Logo ?**

The TMCA was founded in 1976 (over 45 years ago). Lately there has been some talk and request by members to update the TMCA Logo just a little bit in order to reflect its origins to the Tennessee area.



**Current Logo**

I am soliciting any thoughts, ideas and suggestions from interested TMCA members.

Pictured is the current TMCA Logo. Along side of it is just one (1) idea that has been suggested.

This particular idea replaces just the center of our logo (Sword) with the 3 stars which represent the Tennessee State flag.

The Tennessee State flag is very iconic and well known. The concept is that most people who would see the new proposed Logo will immediately relate us to Tennessee.

Please email any opinions, thoughts or ideas to [dhoagey@comcast.net](mailto:dhoagey@comcast.net).



**Proposed New Logo**  
(yes, we know the stars are not aligned correctly yet.)







## COMMERCIAL COLT M1911 .45ACP GOES TO WAR!



Named : Platt

### COLT GOVERNMENT MODEL AUTOMATIC PISTOL

Serial Number:	C96282
Caliber:	.45/c
Barrel Length:	5"
Finish:	Blue
Type of Stocks:	Not Listed
Sold To:	Jno. E. Bassett and Company
Address:	New Haven, Connecticut
Shipped To:	Clapp and Treat
Address:	Hartford, Connecticut
Date of Shipment:	March 30, 1917
Number of Same Type Guns in Shipment:	6



Lt. Franklin N. Platt  
Royal Air Force 1917-18  
US Air Service 1918-19

WW1 started on 28 Jul 1914. The United States stayed neutral until April 6, 1917. Allied countries were in need of pilots and begun recruiting them from the US. The French recruited Americans into the famous flying Lafayette Escadrille.

At the time, Yale University had a Flying Club full of young men from a zenith of privilege such as Rockefeller, the son of the head of the Union Pacific Railroad. These young men were determined to be the first in combat if and when America joined the war in Europe. Many of these men left school in 1917 and headed up to Canada to join the RCAF (Royal Canadian Air Force), to England to join the RFC (Royal Flying Corps), later renamed RAF, (Royal Air Force) and to France.

Franklin Platt was one of these men. Franklin was a student at Yale and a member of the Yale Flying Club. In early 1917, he and 5 other classmates headed to England to become Flying Cadets at Oxford. They soon became known as the Oxford Cadets, a small group of American Volunteers. Lt. Platt was assigned to RAF 104 squadron flying Airco DH-9's. Other pilots from Yale went on to form the Millionaires Unit which became one of the first U.S. Navy Air squadrons.

In preparation before leaving the US, the first thing they did was to purchase their own personal firearms. They were not really sure if the British or French would be providing anything for them. Even if they had, most of these talented and wealthy Yale students did not care much for the revolvers that the British and French were using at the time.



*J.E. Bassett & Company.*  
This is were Lt. Platt purchased his M1911. This historic building still survives today.

In 1917, the Colt M1911 .45 ACP was new to the US Military. It was replacing the .38 Cal revolvers which fell short on knock-down power when needed. The M1911 had see use during the Punitive Expedition into Mexico in 1916. This small group of Yale pilots were unable to get their hands on any official US Government issued M1911's, but they could purchase their own commercially made M1911's to take with them. They quickly went over to the John Bassett & Co. Hardware store located near Yale and placed orders to purchase their private guns.

Colt records show that this M1911, serial number C96282 was shipped out along with 6 others on March 30, 1917 to Bassett & Co. This date was just before Platt and his fellow Classmates headed overseas to England. In order to identify his pistol, Franklin Platt carefully scratched his name "Platt" into the finish just below the hammer on the right side. He carried this pistol during the entire war and then brought it back home.

On Sept 22, 1918, after serving in combat with the RAF 104 squadron, Lt. Platt was transferred over to the U.S. 100th Bomb Squadron, flying DH-4's.

Following the war, Lt. Platt served with the 101st ANG Squadron, based in Massachusetts. They flew Curtis JN-4's and Curtis O-11 Falcon's.





CHAPTER XI: THE BRITISHERS

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THE OXFORD CADETS - WITHDRAWN TO U.S. UNITS

(List Continues)

NAME	RAF UNIT	USAS UNIT	TO
Henry B. Frost	No. 210	17th P.S.	DOW 8-26-18
John H. Fulford		148th P.S.	
Weston W. Goodnow	No. 203	17th P.S.	
Edward A. Griffiths		8th Obs. Sqdn.	
Walter F. Halley		11th B.S.	
Lloyd A. Hamilton	No. 3	17th P.S.	KIA 6-20-18
Temple P. Hardin		50th Obs. Sqdn.	
Charles L. Heater	No. 55	11th B.S.	
Harrison B. Irwin		166th B.S., 104th Obs. Sqdn.	
Anker C. Jensen		8th Obs. Sqdn.	
Edmund L. Keenan		135th Obs. Sqdn.	
Robert A. Kelly	No. 92	25th P.S.	
Stanley C. Kerr		11th B.S.	
Field E. Kindley	No. 65	148th P.S.	
Walter B. Knox		148th P.S.	
Frederick L. Koons		11th B.S.	
Reed G. Landis	No. 40	25th P.S.	
Edward C. Landon		135th Obs. Sqdn.	
Willard W. Lauer	No. 74,29	25th P.S.	
Bradley C. Lawton	No. 209	17th P.S.	ILD 7-11-18
Robert D. Likely		135th Obs. Sqdn.	
Conrad H. Matthiessen, Jr.	No. 74	25th P.S.	
Leo G. McCarthy		8th Obs. Sqdn.	
Forest T. McCook		50th Obs. Sqdn.	
Uel T. McCurry		11th B.S., 8th O.S.	
Leslie B. McMurty, Jr.		99th Obs. Sqdn.	
Edward R. Moore		8th Obs. Sqdn.	
William H. Neely		50th Obs. Sqdn.	
Vincent P. Oatis		11th B.S.	
Claire R. Oberst	No. 20	25th P.S.	
Bennett I. Oliver	No. 84	148th P.S.	
Robert T. Palmer		85th Obs. Sqdn.	
Albert E. Parrish		8th, 354th Obs. Sqdn.	
Philip M. Payson	No. 55	166th B.S.	
Pryor R. Perkins		20th B.S.	KIC 10-3-18
Glenn M. Pike		90th Obs. Sqdn.	
Franklin N. Platt	No. 104	100th B.S.	
Donald S. Poler	No. 40	25th P.S.	
Robert B. Porter		11th B.S.	
John H. Raftery		8th Obs. Sqdn.	
Hilary B. Rex		8th Obs. Sqdn.	DOW 9-19-18



Some of Lt. Platt's mementoes. WW1 service medal from the city of New Haven, CT. R.F.C. button, British WW1 War medal ribbon. ID bracelet, American Legion medal.



Lt. Platt's ID bracelet showing his address at Yale University.

249 Park St. New Haven, CT.

F. N. PLATT 1st Lieut  
Sig. R.C.A.S.  
U.S. Air Service



Photo of Lt. Platt inside a picture frame made from a damaged WW1 propeller tip. An original set of Platt's pilot wings are glued onto the frame.



Left:

Members of the Yale flying club in 1917.



Several Yale/Oxford pilots transitioning from the Royal Air Force to the US Air Service. You can see Yale classmate Louis Bennett still in his RAF uniform. Bottom row, third from left.

Right:

AEF 100th Bomb Squadron, November 1918 with a DH-4. Lt Franklin Platt is top row 5th from left.





# Up Coming Shows and Events

New Orleans Militaria Show, October 23-24, 2021 Castine Center, Mandeville, LA

OVMS - November 5-6, 2021 at the Roberts Centre 123 Gano Road, Wilmington, Ohio

Civil War Show - Franklin, TN December 4 & 5th. Williamson County Ag Expo Ctr.

TMCA Christmas Party - December 14, 2022. Currey Brook Farmhouse.

Show of Shows - OVMS. Feb 23-27, 2022. Kentucky Expo Center, Louisville, KY.

### Leon Pullen Award 2020



Brooks Harris

### Fall 2021 Schutzenfest Winners





Rick Moody: .22 Rifle & Military Pistol  
Steven Hilyer: Military Rifle.  
Cliff Johnson: .22 cal Pistol

### Best Display Spring 2021



Tom Bruce

  
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**Elizabeth Taylor**



**John Meyer**





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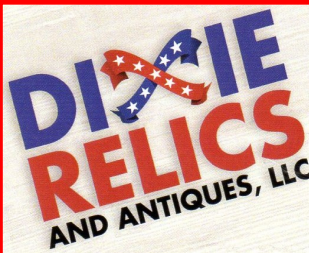


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## Singer Model 1911A1



You never know what will show-up at a Tennessee Military Collector's Show. A local Franklin man who lived less than 10 miles from the Show decided to bring his dad's service pistol to the 2021 Spring Show. He was looking to find someone with knowledge and information about the gun. His Dad was a pilot of B-17s in Europe and B-29s in Korea. He had been issued a Singer 1911. The Singer Model 1911A1 pistols are the most sought after of any Model 1911A1 pistol or for that matter probably any pistol that was produced and issued during WWII. It is a well-known fact that the Singer Manufacturing Company produced a total of

500 pistols under Educational Order W-ORD-396 in 1940. They exhibit the high polish Dulite blue finish with excellent fit finish and that all of these Singer produced pistols were issued to the US Army Air Corp as a service side arm for air crews. The Veteran's son had an opportunity to meet several knowledgeable dealers at the Show. He latter sold the pistol to Mr. Scott Gahimer a well-respected 1911 dealer and expert on Colt 1911 automatic pistols.