

The TMCA News



2022 Fall Show

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

When: Friday, November 25th - Life Members Only 8AM-9AM
Members Only 9AM - Noon Public Admitted 12 Noon - 5PM
Saturday, November 26th - 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, Photos Weapons, Books and much more! **Buy-Sell-Trade-Display-Appraisals.**

Table Reservations '320" 6 FT. Tables ~ Members Only ~
Sale and Display Tables - \$50 each. SOLD OUT, call for waiting list
To reserve contact Ronnie Townes @ 615-661-9379 - tmca@comcast.net

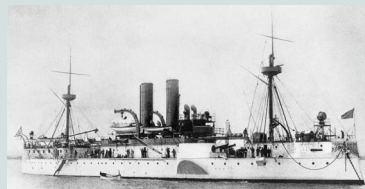
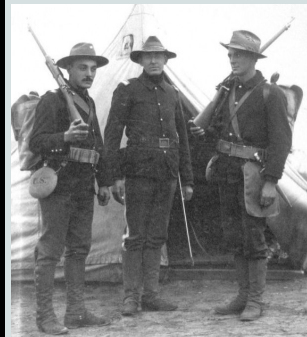
Room Reservations at Hotel: Call 1-888-403-6772 or 615-261-6100 and ask to receive the TMCA discount rate of \$117 (king/queen), plus tax (normal rate is \$289). **Deadline for this Special Rate is October 27, 2022**

1. Display Award Spanish American War
2. Raise in TMCA Cost TMCA Schutzenfest TNMVPA at Eric's
3. Display at White House, Tennessee.
4. K.I.A. in Normandy
5. Pte. William Burnet
6. Up Coming Shows and Events Vietnam Veterans Display Winner
7. Classified Ads
8. SSgt Ryan Knauss

Club News

Display Award of \$100 will be given for the best display relating to the:

SPANISH AMERICAN WAR



Bad News: Inflation has hit us again.



As with everything else in life, overall cost have gone up lately for the TMCA.

Examples: Table rentals for the show have increased from \$2,700 to \$3,900 since our last show. Postage has gone up, facility rental is up, supplies have gone up....you know the sad story.

As a result, **starting on January 1, 2023**, we are going to have to increase our fees a bit.

Admission into the show will stay at \$5. We defiantly still want as much of the public as possible into our shows. Membership to the TMCA will increase. As you know, we have always had the cheapest membership of any club and we will still try to keep it that way as best we can. Most clubs are \$35-45 per year. We will still be lower.

New membership rates effective January 1, 2023. Dues will be yearly so as other clubs you will get a yearly sticker (No more MAR/APR or NOV).

- 1 year \$30 (was \$20)
- 3 year \$75 new
- 5 year \$120 (was \$85)
- Life \$400 (was \$300)
- Senior life (65+) \$ 275 (was \$225)



And the Winners Are:

- Outstanding Shooter 2022: B.J. Reich**
- Open Military Pistol Competition 2022: Bob Schlafly**
- 22 Caliber Pistol Competition 2022: Bob Schlafly**
- Open Military Rifle Competition 2022: Jason Whitaker**
- 22 Caliber Rifle Competition 2022: David Hoagey**
- Range Master: Brooks Harris**



July 4th with Eric Neumair TMCA Life Member

Eric Neumair invited a bunch of TMCA and TNMVPA guys over to his house for a wonderful 4th of July party. Lots of great food, games and family fun. WW2 Jeeps, Scout cars, Command cars, Artillery, Anti-aircraft guns and even Josh Tucker showed up with his Stewart Tank showed up for the event. Thanks Eric!! The kids especially loved the Trail rides and the Pool.



White House, Tennessee. Second Annual : "The Gathering"

This year was focused on the Revolutionary War to WW1

TMCA members Rick Moody, Terry Palmer, Maurice Kellogg along with others set up historical military displays to help out with the White House Inn Museum's open house, called "The Gathering". The Museum is part of the White House Parks and Recreation. Director Susan Holcraft organized this years event and it appears to have been a great success with over 1,000 visitors.



White House Inn Museum

The Museum is located at 412 Hwy 76, White House, TN 37188. Phone 615-672-5223
Hours of operation are : Monday through Thursdays, 9:am to 4:pm

<https://www.whitehousetn.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/white-house-inn-museum>

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?vanity=WhiteHouseInnMuseum&set=a.391712666477593>



Pte. William Burnet 2987790 - 5/7 Gordon Highlanders (Sniper)

Killed in Action

June 18, 1944

Normandy

While setting up a display at a local Nashville show, I was approached by a beautiful sweet lady who asked me about the value of some WW2 British medals. I explained to her that most are fairly common in the \$10-25 range. I then asked her about the story behind her medals. She explained to me that they were her fathers and she inherited them after her mother had passed away. I asked her why she wanted to sell them and I was suddenly hit with an interesting but very sad story.

She explained that she had no children to pass them onto and that she was also an only child. She had never met her biological father because unfortunately he died before she was born, (Killed in Action). Her father had landed on D-Day (June 6, 1944) and was killed June 18, 1944 on the way towards Caen.



This grouping is now one of the most prized possessions in my collection.

Before landing in Normandy, Private Burnet served in North Africa and Italy, earning battle stars from each campaign. On June 6, 1944 he landed on the Normandy beach (code name Sword) between Courseulles and Ouistreham, France. On 7 June, he moved to the Pegasus Bridge area in support of the 6th British Airborne who had captured the bridge on the morning of the 6th. (this event was highlighted in the movie; The Longest Day) On the 9th of June, Pte. Burnet and the 5/7 Gordons crossed the Pegasus bridge and started to make their way towards Caen. They came to an wooded area just east of Escoville and north of Touffreville, called Bois de Bavent forest. The Germans were sniping and spotting artillery from the Brickwork towers near Touffreville. Pvt. Burnet was a unit sniper and so he and a few other snipers moved forward to observe and possibly neutralize any opposition ahead. Shortly after moving forward, a German artillery shell landed on them and 3 were killed instantly while another died later of his wounds. Pvt. Burnet was unfortunately one of those who died instantly.

A letter, dated February 17, 1945, written by the Battalion Liaison Officer of the 5/7 Gordon Highlanders explained what happened:

*5/7 Gordon Highlanders
B.L.A.
17.2.45*

To: *Rev. W. Roy Sanderson, M.A.,
12 Kelvin Drive
Glasgow, N.W. Scotland*



Dear Mr. Sanderson,

Ref. Query from Pte. Burnet's '90 (of our unit) wife. Be it about six of our snipers had gone out on 18 June to the forward edge of our positions on the Orne bridgehead in Normandy. This area was wooded. A shell hit the spot where they were standing and 3 died instantly, 1 died later of wounds and 2 survived. The next night at 11:00 o'clock, I buried the remains of the lads in a clearing in the woods. There are eight of our graves in all.

This wood is called Bois de Bavent and is about 6 miles inland from the beaches at grays -su- (near-Ouistreham) where we landed on "D" day. It was the extreme left British flank save for the airborne Division. It is on the way to Caen, about 8 miles from it. I notified the graves commission of the whereabouts of the grave. In due course they will lift the grave and move it to a military cemetery, assuming if they have not already done so. The location and photographs will be sent Ms. Burnet. If she can inform me which graves Registration unit she contacted I shall then contact them. This sacrifice has not been in vain. Nonetheless his death is a loss not only to Ms. Burnet, but to us and the nation. There were a very few belongings of his which should arrive from G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon in due course.

I shall be pleased to provide any other information.

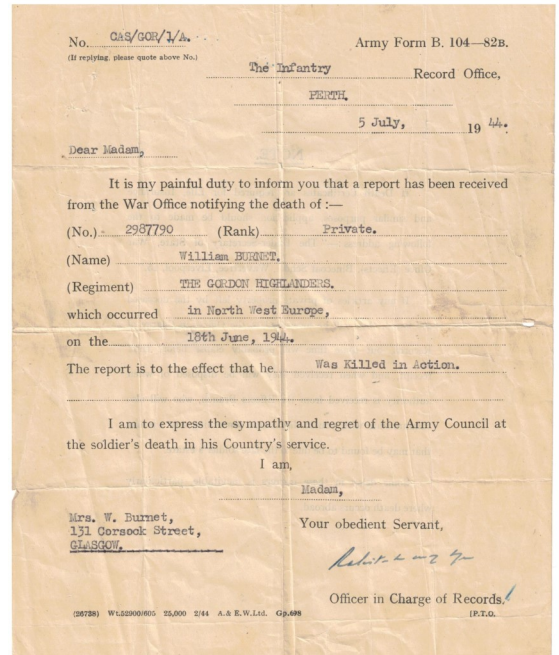
Yours sincerely,



Pvt. William Burnet 2987790
5/7 Gordon Highlanders



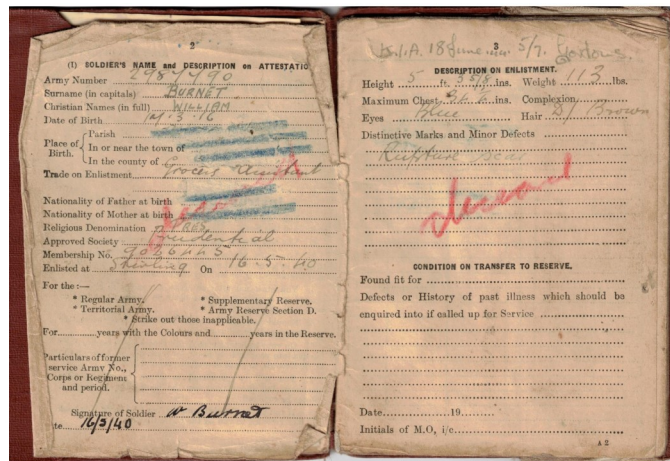
Grave in Normandy



Death Notice from War Office



Pvt. Gordon's original medals

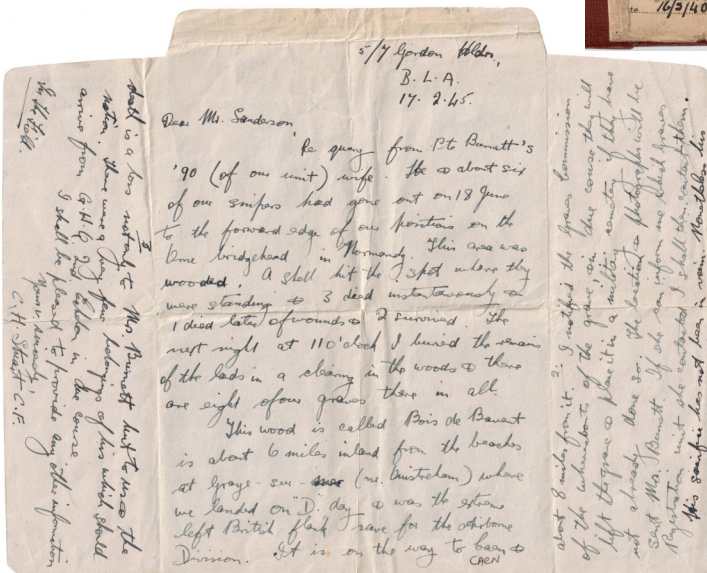


ID book,

Most likely found on body and returned.

Marked:

KIA
18 June '44
Deceased.



Detailed letter to Reverend from Battalion Liaison Officer

C.H. Stuart
C.F. In the Field



Up Coming Shows and Events

OVMS Show - Wilmington Ohio - November 4-5, 2022

Ohio Valley Military Society

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

TMCA Christmas Party - Monday, December 12, 2022. Currey Brook Farmhouse.

Show of Shows - OVMS. Feb 23-27, 2023. Kentucky Expo Center, Louisville, KY.


TMCA Vietnam Veterans Honored by State Senator Jack Johnson and House of Representatives Sam Whitson



Spring 2022 Display Winner
Roy Chilson



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and bayonets.

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- WANTED -

30th Division items from WW1

Tim Ledford 931-619-0302
tledford22@yahoo.com




WANTED

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Contact: Ronnie Townes
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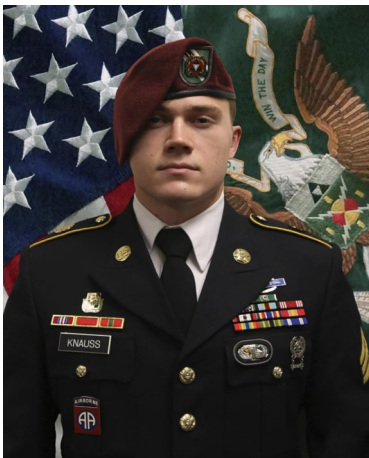
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Staff Sergeant Ryan Knauss 7 APR 98 - 20 AUG 21

Tennessee loses one of it's own. Last soldier to die in Afghanistan.



TMCA honors Staff Sgt. Ryan C. Knauss, who was assigned to 9th Battalion, 8th Psychological Operations Group (Airborne), and died as a result of wounds sustained from an attack at the Hamid Karzai International Airport, where he was supporting non-combatant evacuation operations on Aug. 26, 2021, in Kabul, Afghanistan. Knauss was a native of **Corryton, Tennessee.**

Knauss joined the U.S. Army in May 2016. Following Initial Entry Training and Airborne

School at Fort Benning, Georgia, Knauss was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 501st Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, and deployed to Afghanistan in 2017 as an infantryman. Upon returning home, Knauss completed the Psychological Operations Assessment and Selection Course and the Psychological Operations Qualification Course was assigned to 9th Battalion, 8th Psychological Operations Group (Airborne).



Annual Christmas Party
December 12, 2022



Currey Brook Farmhouse
910 Currey Rd. Nashville, TN
\$25 per person.

6:PM Limited seating.
Email: TMCA@comcast.net or
Call 615-661-9379 to reserve.