

# The TMCA News

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

**When:** Friday, **April 2nd** - Dealer Set up & Members Only 9 am - 1 pm  
Public Admitted 1 pm - 7 pm  
Saturday, **April 3rd** - 8 am - 4 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.

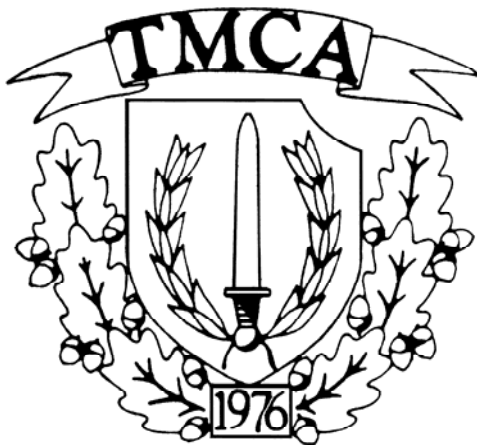
**Table Reservations:** 6 FT. Tables ~ **Member Prices:**  
Display Tables - \$35 each Sale Tables - \$45 each.  
Contact Bill Price @ 615-661-9379 to reserve.

**Room Reservations at Hotel:** Call 615-261-6100 or 1-888-403-6772, talk with Ann Stricker or Andi Eastep; ask to receive the TMCA discount price of \$95. plus tax.. **Deadline for this special rate is March 9 th !**

## Club News

The **Spring Show** is just around the corner. As usual, it has been sold out once again. If you have not made your final plans to attend, you need to do so. Discounted room rates at the Marriott must be made ASAP. We have a long waiting list for dealers want- ing tables, so if you're planning to can- cel yours, Call Bill Price ASAP. We would like to help those on the waiting list, so they can make some plans.

*Sold out...again !!*



Newsletter - As the editor for our newsletter, I'm running out of ideas, so I welcome anyone who wishes to write an article to be posted in a later issue. Anything you can think of that might be of interest to fellow collectors would be welcome. Stories about your favorite re-fakes, lessons about specific areas of ic, tips on identifying collecting...anything ! If it interest you, It will probably in- terest others. We all have our own area of exper- tise that fellow collectors would like to hear about. Maybe your neighbor was a veteran who hit the beach on the 1st wave in Normandy, lets hear his side of the story about how he felt and what he saw. Or show us pictures of your grand- mother wearing combat boots during the War of 1812, ....anything would be nice and welcomed.

*Second Room still added with 26 more tables !!!*

Editor for this issue:  
**David Hoagey**

**Upcoming TMCA Club Meetings** Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at the Piccadilly Cafeteria on Murfreesboro Road at 6:pm. Future dates: March 9th, April 13th, May 11th, June 8th etc.  
NOTE: We have been trying new locations, so call somebody first if you are not sure or get your name on the local roster.

## Dealers packing up early from a show

One thing that all show promoters hate, is when the dealers start to pack up early and head home. First thing I'd like to say is this...Thank you, to all those who set up at the TMCA Show for sticking around till 3:pm. We do not see a very big problem anymore with people leaving early. This may be the fact that the last day of our show is on a Saturday vs. Sunday, or it could be the fact that our attendance is high on Saturday afternoon, keeping dealers around to sell a bit longer.

At many shows, this is a real problem and it starts to reflect back on the clubs. When a person pays admission at 1 or 2 pm, they expect to have until 4pm to look around. When dealers pack up early, patrons get upset and do not return and this in turn, becomes a bad reflection on all of us. The OVMS has started a new policy. If you pack up before 3pm, you lose your table for the next show and you go to the bottom of the waiting list to get them back. With 200 people on the waiting list, they'll have no problem finding dealers willing to take those tables, who in kind, will stick around until 3pm.

I set up at the AMCA Show in Huntsville a couple months ago. I sold more in the last hour than I did all weekend. Why? Because everybody packed up and left as the public was still coming in the door. I simply had no more competition. I even bought two great items that walked in the door at the last minute, one being a WW2 German Heer uniform and the other, an MP-40 that I have now listed on page 7 in the classifieds. It pays to stick around!

As I said, we do not have much of a problem with our show, and I'd like to pass and special "THANK YOU" from all our fellow club members and patrons, to all those dealers who stay past 3pm. Thanks !

## A Story of Two German Navel Banners



Years ago, I purchased a real nice banner made from leftover WW2 German Navy (Kriegsmarine) patches. This banner can from a veteran and his daughter who lived in Canada.

The veteran said that he was based at Brest France (a former German Navel base).



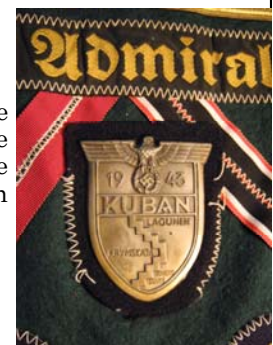
Just following the end of the war he had purchased the banner from a couple of very young, "cute" French girls.

Apparently these young French girls were taking left over German patches that they had found in stock or in a former German clothing supply store, and were sewing them into decorative souvenir banners to sell to the occupying troops.

Just a few months ago, I was browsing through Craig Gottlieb's militaria site on the internet ([www.craiggottlieb.com](http://www.craiggottlieb.com)) and saw a banner very similar to mine. Though it comprised of different patches, the construction was so similar that it had to be made by those same "cute" girls, therefore I just had to have it. I contacted Craig and cut a deal, if fact such a deal that it shocked me. Craig sold the whole banner to me for the value of the Battleship Admiral Graf Spee cap tally alone. Needless to say, I was very pleased with the deal, and thanked Craig accordingly. As many of you know, the Graf Spee was the ship that was scuttled of Montevideo in 1939 following the battle of River Plate. A movie was made later about this famous incident called: The Pursuit of the Graf Spee.



Both banners are made from left over patches, ribbon and braid.. You can see that some officer's cuff braid was used to border the banners, even the wide Admiral cuff braid is present. Both use the rare Graff Spee cap tally. One banner is on black felt and uses a Navy Narvik shield while the other is in green felt using a Navy Kuban shield. Everything is sewn in the same style.







Slim Hartwell Mr. Kim, ROK Marine  
Dr. Orrie Couch (Major, Med.Corps)

TMCA Interview with  
**“Slim” Hartwell**  
by Arthur Couch  
A Veteran’s Veteran



Slim Hartwell Jenny and her kids  
Art Couch Leonard Glenn, 2nd Inf. Div. Korea.

Some of you may have noticed a tall, distinguished gentleman manning the Korean War Veterans Association booth at recent TMCA Shows. Here is a recent interview with this remarkable warrior, a veteran of two wars.

Wyeth “Slim” Hartwell received his draft notice soon after his eighteenth birthday in 1943. After reporting to Camp Shelby, Mississippi for basic training, he and several others volunteered to join the Marine Corps and were sworn in at the Jackson, Mississippi recruiting station.

After completing boot camp at San Diego, Slim was assigned to an amphibious tank and tractor unit where he served as a driver and radio operator on a LVT or “AMTRAC”. He recalls that they used the Oceanside Yacht Club boat basin for part of their training. His next stop was the Invasion of Saipan on 15 June 1944. Afterwards, he was transferred with his unit from the Second Marine Division to the Forth Marine Division, where they became the Fifth Amphibious Tractor Battalion. While serving with the Forth Marine Division, he participated in the invasion of Iwo Jima. Slim’s unit was delivering drums of aviation gasoline to one of the newly captured airfields and received incoming artillery fire. Unknown to Slim and his crew, their AMTRAC had been damaged during the barrage and they did not know it until they were returning to their landing ship, tank. The bilge pump could not keep up with the amount of water they were taking on, and they were using their helmets to bail the LVT out, but were unsuccessful. Three sailors in a Higgins boat arrived in time to take them aboard with their weapons but could not save the LVT, which sank immediately.

Upon returning to their ship, they where told they had been reported as “Missing in Action”. Eventually they were returned to Hawaii where Slim attended the Armed Forces Institute and prepared to the Invasion of Japan at Honshu. They were demobilized after the Japanese surrender on 2 September 1945. Slim completed his World War service with 3 Campaign stars on 15 February 1946. His Armed Forces Institute credit helped him graduate from Meridian High School in Meridian, Mississippi later in 1946.

Slim then became a printing teacher for grades 7, 8 and 9 in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He also became an Aerial Photo Interpreter with the local Army Reserve Unit, enlisting for 4 years in April 1949.

When hostilities broke out in Korea, Slim received his mobilization orders in the mail and after six weeks refresher course for World War II veterans; he arrived at Camp Drake, Japan. Since he wanted to work on the Stars & Stripes Newspaper, he was made a Browning Automatic Rifleman and sent to the 99<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division. Upon arrival, he was made a cannoneer and turned in his BAR for a M1 Carbine. He worked his way up to the number two man, and does not remember exactly how many times he pulled the lanyard on his 105MM Howitzer from November 1950 thru May 1951.



Art Couch and Slim Hartwell giving scouts a ride in Art’s 1943 Halftrack built by Autocar.



## The Internet...how it has ruined collecting, or has it ?

I hear it all the time, at every show..."The Internet has ruined collecting". Most of these comments come from the older collectors who have been around awhile, long before there were any price valuation books in local stores, and of course before the internet could help to identify and price those relics. Why do some collectors hate the internet so much? It's very simple.. they can't buy stuff as "cheap" anymore. Going fast, are those days that they can walk up to an old veteran who had a \$10,000 Knights Cross in a small cigar box, and snatch it from him for \$50. This use to be possible because, unless the veteran went to a quality Military show, he had no way of knowing what he really had nor anyway to tell what it was truly worth. Today, the veteran's son is selling his relics, and the first thing he does, is to turn on his computer, does a little research and then begins his quest to sell. All I can say to the old collector who hates the internet is this, ....get over it, times have changed and you need to change with them!

Yes, the opposite problem now comes into play when the person selling his relics discovers "Joe's Relics Shop" on line, and Joe is "trying" to sell that common \$15 Hindenburg Cross for \$100 on his web site. Now the seller wants \$100 for his \$15 cross, same as Joe. All I can say is this, make him a offer, explain why your making your offer so low compared to Joe's, and wish him "good luck" if he thinks he'll get more. I personally try to explain to them the reality of the internet and collecting, if I truly desire to obtain the item from them. Sometimes, I direct them to a more realistic web site, such as Jeff Schrader's, Advanced Guard Militaria. Jeff does a great job of pricing things very fairly. His prices are the same as you would see at any show. I then direct them to Jeff's page: WE BUY COLLECTIONS and ask them to read it. As a dealer, Jeff explains the reality of the market very well. (No, this is not advertising for Jeff, in fact he does not even know that I'm doing this. I'm just using him as one positive example from the internet).

**Now for the reality of it all.** Today the internet has changed everything in our lives, most of this change has been positive. So, lets look to see how it has had a positive effect on collecting.

Many, many years ago, before PC's, I picked up a pair of very common WW1 British Medals, only because they were so cheap. I tossed them in a drawer and new nothing about them except that they were common WW1 Victory medals.

As many of you may know, most Commonwealth medals, WW1 and earlier are named on the rim. These particular medals are marked:  
**G-7406 PTE. H CROSS THE QUEEN'S R.**

By using the internet from my home, I was able to do a little simple research, something that was impossible just a few years ago. I went to the British National Archives website at: [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk) and was able to look up a copy of the actual medal card that was issued with these medals. In doing so, I discovered that Pvt. Cross was Killed in Action on 3/11/1916 in the Baritska Trench in France. I then went to another site, Commonwealth War Graves Commission at: [www.cwgc.org](http://www.cwgc.org) and discovered that he is buried at the Thiepval Memorial. He was part of The Queens (Royal West Surrey Regiment) 1st Battalion. By then going to a historical web site for the Queens Regiment, I found copies of all the "After Action" battle reports from the days surrounding his death. Copies of these once "SECRET" documents, are now available on line, and they show the plan of action and orders for the upcoming battle in which Pvt. Cross died. The After Action Reports listed the number of casualties taken during the battle, with Pvt. Cross being one of those casualties.

Without the internet, these medals had just sat in a drawer. I was not motivated to take a trip to England and do a lot of painstaking research in an archive, so they would have remained unknown for a long time. Now with the internet and 30 minutes of my time, I now know the whole story of who Pvt. Cross was and his wartime history. Also, I have a copy of his records and his medal card along with a photo of his grave.

Pvt. Harry Cross was killed in action in 1916..... 94 years later in 2010, thanks to the internet, his medals once again come alive, telling his sad story.





Samples of Relics Identified via use of the Internet

**Ohio Civil War Veterans Medal**



The state of Ohio contracted with Tiffany, of NY to make up a medal for every veteran from Ohio who fought in the Civil War. These were sent out to the Veterans or their next of kin following the war. All were engraved with names and units.

By searching on-line with the site, **Ancestry.com**, shows this medal issued to:

**Isaac N. Rowe - Co. C, 54th Regt. Infantry,**  
and Pvt. Rowe was captured in

Atlanta on  
22 Jul 1864 and spent the rest of the War in the in-famous Andersonville, prison.



Andersonville Prisoners of War	
Surname:	<b>Isaac N. Rowe</b>
Rank:	<b>PRIVATE</b>
COMPANY:	<b>C</b>
REGIMENT:	<b>54</b>
State:	<b>OH</b>
Arm of Service:	<b>INFANTRY</b>
Reference:	<b>p 11 [420]</b>
Location of Capture:	<b>ATLANTA, GA</b>
Date of Capture:	<b>22 Jul 1864</b>
Page:	<b>0</b>
More Information:	<b>NO</b>
Code:	<b>46344</b>
Grave:	<b>0</b>
<b>Source Information:</b> Ancestry.com, Andersonville Prisoners of War [database on-line], Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 1999. Original data: Andersonville, Georgia, Andersonville Prisoner of War Database, Andersonville, GA, USA: National Park Service, Andersonville National Historic Site.	
<b>Description:</b> The most infamous Confederate prison camp of the Civil War, Andersonville housed an estimated 45,000 Union soldiers during the war. This database is a collection of records compiled by the National Park Service of camp inmates between 1863 and 1865.... <a href="#">Learn more...</a>	

**Pair of WW1 British Victory Medals**

[www.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk)



On line records show that Pvt. Henry Curryer served with the Royal Marine Light Infantry from 1911-1920 on several different ships. On March 19, 1920 while serving on the H.M.S. Lowestoft, Pvt. Curryer tragically drowned by accident.

Engraved:

**CH . 17016 PTE.H. CURRYER  
R.M.L.I.**

Name	<i>Henry Curryer</i>	
Date of Birth	<i>11 Sep 1892</i>	When re-engaged ...
Where Born	<i>York</i>	Next of Kin and their address ...
Trade	<i>Co's clerk</i>	
Religion	<i>Ch. of England</i>	
When enlisted	<i>12 May 1911</i>	Date of Marriage ...
Where enlisted	<i>London</i>	
Age on Enlistment	<i>18-8-30</i>	



<i>Gambroft II</i>	<i>1 July 19</i>	<i>15 July 19</i>		
<i>Chatham</i>	<i>16 July 19</i>	<i>9 Oct 19</i>	<i>2 months</i>	
<i>Lowestoft</i>	<i>10 Oct 19</i>	<i>31 Dec 19</i>		
<i>do</i>	<i>1 Jan 20</i>	<i>19 Mar 20</i>	<i>D. Dead.</i>	<i>Good</i>
			<i>Accidentally Drowned.</i>	

**Civil War Ohio Veteran Medal Engraved:**

**Wm Hines Co. C 27th REGt INF 1**



**Ancestry.com**

Records show that William Hines enlisted on July 27, 1861 as a private at the age of 20.

On August 15, 1864 he died from wounds.

American Civil War Soldiers	
Name:	<b>William Hines</b>
Enlistment Date:	<b>27 Jul 1861</b>
Side Served:	<b>Union</b>
State Served:	<b>Ohio</b>
Service Record:	<b>Enlisted as a Private on 27 July 1861 at the age of 20. Enlisted in Company C, 27th Infantry Regiment Ohio on 27 Jul 1861. Died from wounds Company C, 27th Infantry Regiment Ohio on 15 Aug 1864.</b>



Display Award Winners

Fall Show 2009



**1st Place**  
Raymond La Bar

“Bayonets of Japan”



**2nd Place**  
Trey Stancil

“Japanese Pistols”



**3rd Place**  
Randall Cox

“No # 4 Enfields”

Upcoming Events of Interest

Tennessee Military Collectors Show  
Knob Creek Machine Gun Shoot  
Alabama Military Collectors Show

April 2, 3  
April 9,10 and 11th  
June 19-20

Nashville, TN  
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**Alabama Military Collectors Show**  
**June 19 - 20, 2010**

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- Friday, Jun 18th  
• Exhibitors: Set-up 2pm to 7pm
- Saturday, Jun 19th  
• Exhibitors/Members 8:00 am  
• Public: 9:00 am – 5pm
- Sunday, Jun 20th  
• Exhibitors/Members 8:00 am  
• Public: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

**Location: Huntsville Jaycee’s Community Building**  
**2180 Airport Rd, Huntsville, AL 35802**



**150 Tables - Buy - Sell - Trade - Display - 24 hr Security**

**Table Reservations: 6 ft Tables**  
• Members; Sales \$35 Aisle & \$45 Wall  
• Non-Members; \$45 Aisle & \$55 Wall  
• Display Tables \$25

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For Additional Information Visit:  
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or Email: [amcahq@knology.net](mailto:amcahq@knology.net)  
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**For Sale:**

**Winchester M97 Trench Shotgun.** 97% condition. 4 row handguard, GHD inspected, SN# E 9552xx. Correct Winchester Bayonet included \$4,000.00

**Winchester P-17,** Nice blue finish, Good wood, good bore, Barrel date 6-18, SN# 3742xx, import marked, \$650.00

**1873 Colt Artillery,** frame dated 1885, mis-matched US property marked, factory letter, \$4,700.00

**James Dietz print.** "The Beginning" framed, # 530/650. \$650.00, Marbles model 1908 Game Getter \$850.00

WW II US carbine tracer ammo \$40.00 /box, .45 ACP shot \$30.00

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**Life member # 006**

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This is one of those 1960's / early 1970's, made of steel, Japanese blank firing guns. It is not a pot-metal MGC gun, nor is it one of those new \$3,000 Schoessler's. I think it was made by Nakata but I'm not 100% sure of that. It is marked MP40 72 1191 on top of the receiver. It fires full auto with blanks only. The barrel is plugged with a firing pin just forward of the chamber in reverse. Dave **\$1,400**  
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I also have a German Third Reich army (Heer) paratroop badge. Note: It is Army....NOT Luftwaffe. It is absolutely original and maker marked C.E. Juncker, Berlin, and very expensive....\$13,500.00.

Model 1960 light cavalry saber, Mansfield and Lamb, 1865. The sword is in superb condition with no issues. I bought it a number of years ago out of a small museum in Wisconsin which was closing its doors. \$1150.00.

You are free to phone me in the evening: Ted 615-834-5878.





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Found in the pocket of an old Army uniform from the 1920's...those were the days :-)

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