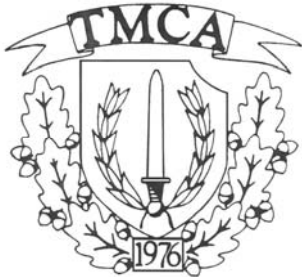


The TMCA News

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2012 Spring/Summer Show

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

When: Friday, April 6th - Dealer Set up & Members Only 9 am - 1 pm
Public Admitted 1 pm - 7 pm
Saturday, April 7th - 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.

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Contact Ronnie Townes @ 615-661-9379 to reserve.

Room Reservations at Hotel: Call 615-261-6100 or 1-888-403-6772, and ask to receive the **TMCA discount rate of \$95**, plus tax (normal rate is \$209). **Deadline for this special rate is March 1st!**

Club News



A message from the Show Host: Ronnie Townes

There are three organizations that existed in Imperial Germany and the Third Reich that interest some collectors. These three organizations are 1) the German National Forest Service, 2) the German National Hunting Association and 3) the German Rifle Association. All three associations continue to exist in Germany today. In 1934, two of these organizations were under the direct authority of Hermann Göring. One of Göring distinctive titles was National Hunting Master. He was Reich Master of the Forest and Hunt, for which he received high government salaries. Göring was promoted to the unique rank of *Reichsjägermeister* and head of the National Forestry. The National Hunting Master was an ardent hunter, mountain climber and a true marksman. He had a keen interest in Germany's forest and the wildlife inhabitants. Most of the hunting laws in place in Germany today came about by Göring's modern concepts of game control and harvest.

The Tennessee Military Collectors Association has several members who collect these items including Culver Johnson and Houston Coates. I will have a display of some of these items at the Spring/Summer Show.



NOTICE TO TABLE HOLDERS

Starting with the 2012 November Show, payment and cancelations must be received 30 days prior to the show to guarantee table(s) and refunds.

INSURANCE RULES

I was just renewing our TMCA Show Insurance policy with the NRA.

The following areas are restrictions that I just want to remind everybody about. These restrictions apply to everyone, dealers as well as members and guest.

All ammunition must remain in sealed containers during the show, and the following activities are prohibited:

- ◆ Sale or service of alcohol
- ◆ Presence of loaded firearms
- ◆ Gunsmith or reloading work during shows
- ◆ Display or storage of black powder
- ◆ Display or sales of any illegal firearms or ammunition
- ◆ Display or storage of more than 5 pounds of Pyrodex
- ◆ Concealed weapons on the premises with or without concealed carry permits for anyone other than police, law enforcement or hired security.
- ◆ (Loaded) Magazines or clips on the premises for anyone other than police law enforcement or hired security.

By William Price, TMCA Life member # 6

Thursday December 16, 2011 was a special treat for about twenty five TMCA members, because that was the date of our annual TMCA Christmas Party and Awards. The party was held at a beautiful pre-1920 house owned by Nashville caterer Becky Daniel and her mother Martha Burton. The meal at the party was without a doubt the best ever served at a TMCA function. Becky is a wonderful cook and I know I can speak for all who attended that we hope the 2012 TMCA Christmas



party will be catered by Becky as well. The guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Jimmy Gentry. Mr. Gentry is a native of Franklin, TN who enlisted in the United States Army during World War II when he was eighteen years old. As Mr. Gentry so eloquently relates in his story, "I had never been out of Tennessee and within a few months of after joining the Army, I was in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean. Mr. Gentry, who was a member of the Forty-Second Infantry Division, fought in campaigns in Rhineland and Central Europe. On April 29th, 1945 Mr. Gentry was one of the liberators of the Dachau prison camp. In Mr. Gentry's words, "The memories of that fateful day were so horrible for me that I never wanted to think about them again." A chance meeting in 1985 with a Nashville Holocaust Survivor, convinced him to share his experiences and in 2002 he wrote a book titled, An American Life. Those experiences that he related in his book, were shared with us that special night. Mr. Jimmy Gentry is a great public speaker, a great human being and a great American. We who live free, owe him a debt of gratitude we can never repay.

After Mr. Gentry's talk the winner of the Leon Pullen Award was announced to be, Dan Lee. Dan, who is one of the founding members of the TMCA and is a tireless supporter of the club. The next award was given to Bruce Hohler for TMCA Member of the Year.

Yes, it was a night to remember. The TMCA membership is grateful to Janice and David Hoagey and Emily and Ronnie Townes for making this great evening happen.



WW2 veteran, Mr. Jimmy Gentry

Talking to TMCA members about Dachau



Member of the Year

Bruce Hohler (1st on left)

The TMCA is sad to announce the passing of one of our longest and oldest members, Mr. Hume Parks. Hume was a Life member who was with the club from the start. At 98 (1 month short of 99), Hume was by far our oldest member, and one of the most active. He attended every show up until last year, and he never stopped collecting.

I can fill a dozen newsletters about Hume and still would not touch the surface, for those of us who knew him, he was the greatest inspiration to life and collecting, and he will be dearly missed by many of us.

I've always said: Hume was the "Last of the True Southern Gentleman".

Many may remember Hume's fascinating collection of over 28 registered WW1 Air Craft machine guns. Before those, it was Cannons, Hume had many, including several Nashville made, Confederate Brennan's, Colt SAA's, and yes, he collected those to. The list of things he's collected, just goes on and on.

When Hume was a kid, he use to sit a top Shy's Hill and talk to real Civil War Veterans who actually fought on that very spot. Hume could relay those stories to us all, just second hand, with a sharp memory of which he never lost. Today we are lucky if any of us can even talk to a surviving WW2 Veteran.



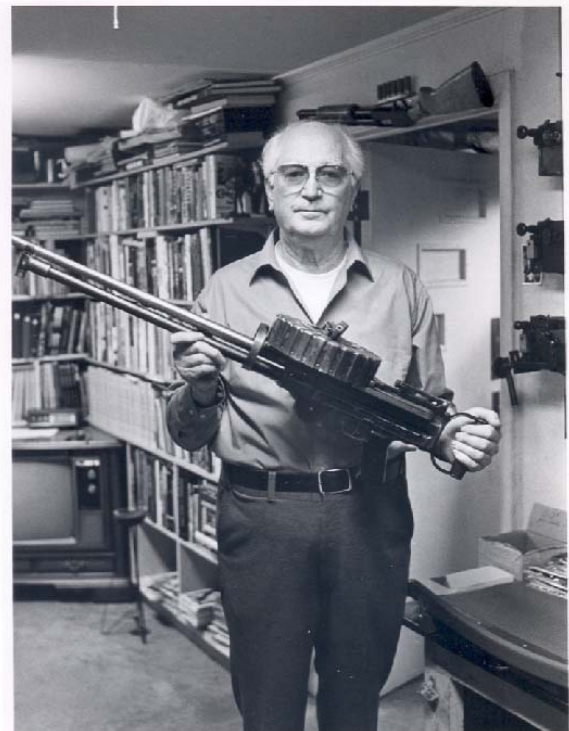
PARKS, Malcolm Hume Of Nashville/Waverly, born March 1st, 1913; historian, author, antique arms collector. Founded the Tennessee Gun Collectors Association in May of 1953 and served as the Secretary for 42 years. Hume was a co-author of Field Artillery Weapons of the Civil War, the standard reference on that subject. He was called on frequently to speak on local Civil War history and weapons of that period. He had been a member of the NRA for over 70 years. He was a Past Master and LIFE member of Doric Lodge #732 F&AM, the York Rite, and of the Al Menah Shrine Temple, and the Shrine Past Master's Club. He was a Life member of the Tennessee Military Collectors Association and a member of Company of Military Historians. He was a member of Saint Paul Southern Methodist Church. During the Civil War Centennial, he was a member of the Governor's staff and authorized to accumulate some of the weapons used in that War. Aided by fellow collectors, an impressive display was made possible and exhibited in the Parthenon. He was an Honorary Colonel on the Governor's Staff in Tennessee, Alabama, Kentucky, and Georgia, and Lieut. General of the Confederate High Command, due to his participation in Civil War reenactments, 1960-1965. He was a 1Lt. TNSG, 1942-1945. He was a Licensed Pilot dating to 1939. He served 36 years with the L&N RR as a locomotive Engineer. He was a Volunteer Docent at the Tennessee State Museum for eight years, was interested in archaeology, and had traveled over Europe and the Holy Land in pursuit of his studies of that subject.

Malcolm Hume Parks

1913 - 2012



Hume, making full scale Civil War cannon carriages in his basement.



Hume and a Lewis Gun, just one of the many WW1 Aircraft guns he owned.

An interesting article published in a Philadelphia newspaper, summer of 1919, as our troops returned home from WW1.

DECORATIONS AND INSIGNIA - AUTHORIZED or SELF AWARDED

The procession of doubtful heroes that has been passing through the columns of back-home newspapers - the fourragere-draped, silver-barred, rainbow-breasted type- has caused chronic uncertainty among people who never worn O.D. and skepticism that has extended to wears of decorations of all kinds.

This skepticism, moreover, seems to center about the wearing of the fourragere. Information available in recent weeks indicates that only four American units are entitled to the honor of wearing the French shoulder cord. Two of them were officially given the right only recently. They are Sections 539 and 625, U.S.A. Ambulance Service commonly known as S.S.U. 539 and 625 while they were serving with the French forces, S.S.U. 646 and the 103rd Aero Squadron, formerly the Lafayette Escadrille, were the first units to be given the right to wear the fourragere.

Men of the S.S.U. 646 are entitled to wear the fourragere of the Medaille Militaire which is yellow and green. This right was given as a result of four citations in the Order of the Army. The other units, which were each cited twice, were awarded the fourragere of the Croix de Guerre, which is red and green. The last citation of S.S.U. 625 came as a result of 51 days work around and in Soissons last summer.

The order granting the fourragere was signed by General Mangin, Order 150, French Armies of the East, and was approved on March 11, 1919, by General Pershing.

Only those members of an organization who were on the unit's strength when it received two citations in the order of the French Army are entitled to wear the fourragere, providing the right to wear it is specifically authorized. In other words, two citations do not automatically permit an organization to wear the fourragere. There are many outfits which were cited, but which do not wear the coveted insignia.

Allied Badges May Be Worn

A very recent change in regulations permits American soldiers to wear the service chevrons and other decorations regularly awarded them while they were serving as officers or enlisted men in any of the Allied Armies. This rule means that a man who served several years in the British Army, and was discharged so that he could enlist in the American Army, is now entitled to wear the blue British service chevrons or gold wound bars, as well as the gold chevrons provided for A.E.F. service

These foreign chevrons and other decorations must have been regularly awarded, however, and the wearer must possess proof that he is entitled to them. In wearing them he must conform to the regulation which prevail in the Army in which they were awarded. A single British blue service chevron stands for one years service overseas. Additional ones each denote six months service.

Former members of the French Army now in the A.E.F., under the new rule will be permitted to put on wound and service chevrons, according to their records. The French service chevron varies in color, according to rank and branch of service, in general harmonizing with the color of the uniform worn, and it is worn below the left shoulder. The horizon-blue uniformed man of the ranks wears service chevrons of bluish black wool. An infantry lieutenant wears gold service strips, a cavalry lieutenant, silver service strips. These chevrons are smaller than the regulation American service stripe. The first denotes one year's service, and each additional six months service entitles a man to another stripe. The French wound stripe corresponds in color and size to the service stripe, but is worn below the right shoulder.

As a general guide to the wearing of ribbons, the War Department regulations provide that ribbons may be worn on the service coat only by those entitled to wear the medal or badge for which the ribbon stands - the medal or badge being intended for wear with the full dress coat. No one is entitled to wear any medal or badge or ribbon unless he has received it through military channels from the proper Army source, usually the Depot Quartermaster in Washington who issues medals and ribbons on list approved and verified by the Adjutant General of the Army.



The procession of doubtful heroes that has been passing through the columns of the back-home newspapers... The horizon-blue uniformed man of the ranks wears service chevrons of bluish black wool. An infantry lieutenant wears gold service strips, a cavalry lieutenant, silver service strips. These chevrons are smaller than the regulation American service stripe, and each additional six months service entitles a man to another stripe. The French wound stripe corresponds in color and size to the service stripe, but is worn below the right shoulder. As a general guide to the wearing of ribbons, the War Department regulations provide that ribbons may be worn on the service coat only by those entitled to wear the medal or badge for which the ribbon stands - the medal or badge being intended for wear with the full dress coat. No one is entitled to wear any medal or badge or ribbon unless he has received it through military channels from the proper Army source, usually the Depot Quartermaster in Washington who issues medals and ribbons on list approved and verified by the Adjutant General of the Army.



The American medals and badges authorized by the War Department are as follows:

Medal of Honor Ribbon - Blue with white stars.

Distinguished Service Cross Ribbon- Blue with a red band at each end and a white stripe between the blue and red.

Philippines Congressional Medal Ribbon- Blue with stripe of red, white and blue at either end.

Civil War Campaign Badge Ribbon- Blue and gray.

Indian Campaign Badge Ribbon - Red with two blank strips.

Spanish Campaign Badge Ribbon - Blue and yellow.

Philippines Campaign Badge Ribbon - Blue and two broad red strips.

China Campaign Badge Ribbon - Yellow with blue edges.

Army of Cuban Occupation Badge Ribbon - Olive drab with blue, white and red strips at either end.

Mexican Service badge Ribbon - Yellow and blue bands with a green stripe at either end.

Congressional National Guard Medal Ribbon - Green with narrow stripes of blue and yellow near each end. (It is to be noted that to entitle any person to receive this medal, that person must have served not less than 90 days in the war with Spain as well as service on the Mexican border 1916 and 1917. No one is entitled to wear this medal who is eligible to wear the Mexican Border Badge.)

Distinguished Service Medal Ribbon - White with a red band at each end and a blue stripe between white and red.

In addition, officers and men are authorized to wear any medals or decoration bestowed by the Governments of any other nations concurrently engaged with the United States in the present war.

A **blue "V"** shaped chevron on the left sleeve denotes service of less than six months in the theater of operations in the present War.

A **gold "V"** shaped chevron on the left sleeve denotes six months service completed in the theater of operations in the present war, and each additional chevron denotes an additional completed six months.

A **silver chevron** on the left sleeve denotes six months service in the United States during the present war, and each additional silver chevron denotes and additional completed six months.

It is expressly forbidden to wear chevrons of different colors on the left arm, as for instance, a person wearing a gold chevron may not wear a blue one, nor may a person wearing a blue chevron wear a silver one etc.

Each **gold "V"** - shaped chevron worn on the right arm indicates a wound received in action in any of the wars in which the armed forces of the United States may have been engaged.

The wearing of any of the following unauthorized decorations may result in disciplinary action:

Sam Browne Belts - It is expressly forbidden in orders to wear a Sam Browne belt in the United States, although they are required by the orders of the A.E.F. to be worn in England and France.

Red, white and blue ribbons - Erroneously, supposed to indicate service on French soil.

Red, yellow and black ribbons-Erroneously suppose to indicate service on Belgium soil.

Multi-colored ribbons - Erroneously suppose to indicate service with Allied Armies.

Blue, red, white and olive drab ribbons - Erroneously suppose to indicate foreign service. The Victory Medal, duly authorized, is now being issued to the A.E.F.

Gold Star - Erroneously suppose to represent that fact that the wearer was among the first 50,000 to go overseas.

Silver Star - Erroneously suppose to represent the fact that the wearer enlisted voluntarily and was not drafted.

*via Newspaper article
- circa 1919 -*



Display Award Winners

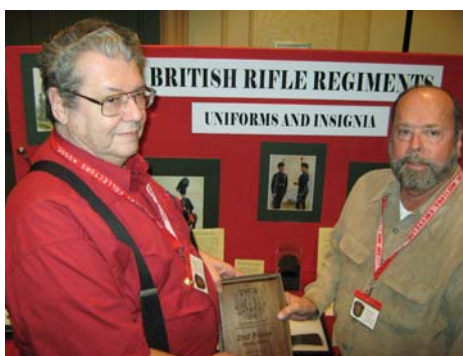
Spring Show 2011



1st Place

CSM(r) Mike Kelso

Imperial German Uniforms



2nd Place

Raymond Martin

British Rifle Regiments



3rd Place

Ronald Black

Steel of the Empire

Upcoming Events of Interest

Knob Creek Machine Gun Shoot is cancelled this spring due to the bridge being washed out during some flooding.
 MVPA 37th Annual Convention – June 28-30 Huntsville, AL (largest Military Vehicle show).

Dealer of the Year

We have decided to give out a plaque at each Fall show, for the Dealer of the Year.

Our first winner for 2011 was:

Jeff Schrader from Advanced Guard Militaria.

Just a few of many things we (the Board of Directors) look for:



- Honesty and Integrity.
- Promotes and Supports our TMCA club.
- Promotes and Supports the hobby of collecting Militaria.
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Lance Frickensmith was our winner for the Fall 2011 show.



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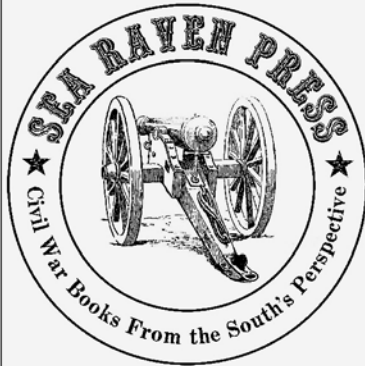
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- COLT Model 1903 .32 auto, \$ 750**
- Cane Gun, .38 cal, very old, AOW, Requires \$5.00 ATF fee and paperwork, \$ 400**
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William Price, TMCA Life member # 006,

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