

# 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 14th** - Dealer Set up & Members Only 8 am - 12 pm  
Public Admitted 12 pm - 6 pm  
Saturday, **April 15th**- 8 am - 3 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-Display.

**Table Reservations** '300' 6 FT. Tables ~ **Members only ~ Sale and Display Tables - \$45 each. SOLD OUT, call for waiting list**  
**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 \$104**, plus tax (normal rate is \$209).  
**Deadline for this special rate is March 23, 2017**



# NRA

## Club News

**NRA President and TMCA Life Member Allen Cors makes a visit during our Fall 2016 Show in Franklin, TN. Mr. Cors is an avid collector of WW2 Military Vehicles.**



Allen Cors earned his bachelor's degree and law degree from the University of Cincinnati and went to work as a counsel with the Judiciary Committee in the U.S. House of Representatives. He then served as Corning's Director of Government Affairs and Senior Vice President for 34 years. A lifelong hunter and competitive shooter with a passion for collecting World War II military vehicles.

Cors has served as president of the NRA Foundation and is a member of the NRA's Executive Committee. He was a principal advocate for the establishment of NRA's Political Action Committee. Cors was elected President of the National Rifle Association in April 2015. Cors, now retired, was a senior vice president with Corning, Inc., where he directed the company's government affairs programs worldwide.

**Allen Cors (black polo shirt) visits with TMCA Officers and Board Members.**

**Fall Show 2016**



# ATTENTION !

## Attention: All American Citizens

### Militaria Collectors and Dealers...This CONCERNS YOU!

A new proposed Bill H.R.544 is being introduced to once again assault your Rights as a US citizen to buy and sell medals. Don't think it will end with this Bill!

This bill, if passed; will criminalize the families, auction houses, estate sales companies, family lawyers and any others associated with the disposition of the medal. But, not to be forgotten, even the recipient of a Purple Heart could not dispose of a medal without putting themselves in jeopardy. If this law passes, anyone in disobedience; can be arrested, fined and incarcerated for up to six months.

The effects of HR 544 bill if passed.

1. It will drive the history and heritage of America to foreign countries to be sold, this law has no effect but in the USA. So, you can watch your heritage be sold in Europe or Canada...to name a few. This will be same result as the Stolen Valor Act and just will add one more victim.
2. Purple Hearts will just go underground.
3. Purple Hearts are tossed and discarded in the trash all the time. After the span of time these medals can be found at flea marts, antique stores, military shows and shops, gun shows, estate sales, auctions and with families. The journey of these medals has been long and varied, many times there are no families left to care for them. Unfortunately, some people in possession of medals, have no interest.

Remember, lost or stolen Purple Hearts are already protected by the present law in all 50 states, under those circumstances, the rightful family and owners have redress through criminal prosecution. Anyone possessing the lost or stolen medals and refuse to return them can be prosecuted in a Court of Law. H.R.544 adds nothing to this pre-existing law other than make criminals out of Law abiding American citizens.

Collectors and Dealers spend time, effort and money to research and revive the memories of these wayward medals so the stories of these Brave and Heroic Americans, will not be forgotten. "The Private Corrado Piccoli Purple Preservation Act" is a proposed bill with the intent to make it illegal to buy or sell U.S. medals, and in particular, the Purple Heart.

While we have no problem with what the opposition attempts to do, please remember, there are 1.8 million awarded Purple Heart medals in our world. It is impossible to store or give them all back and if devalued...more medals will find the path to the landfill.

The proponents of H.R.544 do call us "evil profiteers" ... "unscrupulous" ... and "scam artists" ... because we save the history and heritage of America.

So call your representatives, US Congressman and US Senator or any others who could be beneficial and ask for them to...VOTE NO!!

## NO! to H.R.544

Remember...it should NOT be illegal to sell a Purple Heart but it should be illegal to throw a Purple Heart away.

Any Questions...Contact: Robert Wilson Phone...910-977-7207

Say NO! to H.R. 544



Fellow Historians and Collectors. I usually try to keep anything political out of this Newsletter. This Bill: H.R. 544 is not about Republicans or Democrats, Liberals or Conservatives, it is a direct attack on Historians, Collectors, Dealers and Conservators of Military Artifacts. Almost all of us have owned a Purple Heart at one time or another. This Bill will make us all criminals if we buy, sell or even trade them ever again. Just like the Medal of Honor, Purple Hearts will simply go overseas to be bought and sold. Our American History and Heritage will be farmed offshore to forever.

Search any foreign website such as emedals Inc. of Canada. You will see dozens of American Medals of Honor for sale. This is because they became illegal to sell in the USA.

Passing Bill H.R. 544 will do the same with Purple Hearts.....then what's next? Good Conduct medals?

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 13, 2017

Mr. COOK (for himself, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Ms. JENKINS of Kansas, Mr. POLIQUIN, and Mr. DUNN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

**A BILL**

To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for penalties for the sale of any Purple Heart awarded to a member of the Armed Forces.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the "Private Corrado Piccoli Purple Heart Preservation Act".

**SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

Congress finds the following:

- (1) The Purple Heart medal solemnly recognizes the great and sometimes ultimate sacrifice of American servicemembers like Private Corrado Piccoli.
- (2) The Purple Heart medal holds a place of honor as the national symbol of this sacrifice and deserves special protections.

**SEC. 3. PENALTY FOR SALE OF PURPLE HEARTS AWARDED TO MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

Subsection (a) of section 704 of title 18, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—

“(1) PENALTY.—Whoever knowingly purchases, attempts to purchase, solicits for purchase, mails, ships, imports, exports, produces blank certificates of receipt for, manufactures, sells, attempts to sell, advertises for sale, trades, barter, or exchanges for anything of value any decoration or medal authorized by Congress for the armed forces of the United States, or any of the service medals or badges awarded to the members of such forces, or the ribbon, button, or rosette of any such badge, decoration or medal, or any colorable imitation thereof, except when authorized under regulations made pursuant to law, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than six months, or both.

“(2) LIMITATION ON REGULATIONS.—Regulations referred to in paragraph (1) may not authorize the sale of any Purple Heart awarded to a member of the armed forces or former member of the armed forces by the Secretary of the military department concerned.”

## *Extremely Unique and Very Rare a Third Reich Lamp*

*By: Ronnie Townes*



In the endeavor to locate new items that enhance our collection, sometime events that we would have never imagined will bring an unusual artifact to our attention. I have been collecting WWII memorabilia for over 50 years. In that time, I have had the pleasure to meet many fine and knowledgeable collectors who have made me aware of things I would have passed over. It was during the 1970's when I was the General Manager for the Continental Inns a hotel in downtown Nashville that I had such an experience. During that time many State Legislators stayed at the hotel during the Session of the General Assembly. I met a new guest that was staying at the hotel, Tennessee State Representative, James O. Lanier and his wife Carolyn. Mr. Lanier was also a lawyer and banker in Dyersburg, TN. He would tell me

about his interest in WWII and Third Reich items in general. There is nothing quite like show and tell among collectors. He told me a story about a member of the 101st Airborne who lived in Dyer County. The veteran had told Mr. Lanier that he had found a lamp in one of Hitler's buildings and had brought home from Germany after his tour of duty. Mr. Lanier was able to acquire the lamp from the veteran. He displayed the lamp on his desk in his library at home. Mr. Lanier passed away in 1991 with cancer.

A few years passed, Dan Lee and I contacted Mrs. Lanier about her late husband's grand collection. Mr. Lanier had managed to assemble a wonderful variety of collectable memorabilia. During this visit, I spotted the lamp that he had told me about back when we first meet. I was lucky enough to purchase the lamp from Mrs. Lanier. Mr. Lanier had the lamp wired so that it could be used at his home. I replaced the shade that Mr. Lanier had on the lamp. There was no original shade on the lamp when the veteran brought it home. I had a lamp designer make the shade in the photos. The designer felt the design used would look period and of the type that would have been originally used on the lamp.





## The 101st Airborne at Berchtesgaden



It had been Mr. Lanier's belief that the lamp had originated at the German Chancellery building in Berlin. After some research, I discovered that it was doubtful that the 101st Airborne was ever in Berlin. They had been the liberators of Berchtesgaden. On May 10, 1945, following extensive looting and exploring, a film crew arrived to record the happenings for those back in the states. Online there is footage of the 101st Airborne Division, Screaming Eagles in Hitler's mountain retreat and other notable locations.

It is my belief, that the lamp came from the Eagle's Nest or the Berghof, since the veteran said it was one of Adolf Hitler's buildings. But it could be that it came from Goring, Bormann, Von Ribbentrop or others who had homes in Berchtesgaden. All of which a soldier would have identified to Hitler and the Third Reich. So, which of these famous and fabulous buildings did the lamp come from we will never know?

I sure enjoy the lamp every day that is now on my desk.



### Member of the Year 2016

*Don and Steve Crum*



### WWI Display Winner Fall 2016

*Jimmy Howell — Granddad in WW1*



**IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR A CASH PRIZE OF \$100 WILL BE AWARDED FOR BEST-OF-SHOW DISPLAY AT THE 2017 SPRING SHOW**



**TGWC**  
Tennessee Great War Commission

Dr. Michael Birdwell (Tennessee Tech University history professor and Chairperson of the Commission) and other representatives of the Commission will share information at our Spring Show.



**Events:** Event announcements and Ad's are **FREE** for all TMCA members—email: [dhoagey@comcast.net](mailto:dhoagey@comcast.net)

**OVMS**

**JUNE ROBERTS CENTRE SHOW**

**"THE CORN FIELD SHOW"**

**JUNE 16-17, 2017**

**AT THE ROBERTS CENT**

**WILMINGTON, OH.**



Alabama Military Collectors Association (AMCA)

August 18th & August 19th 2017

SUMMER SHOW - New Location

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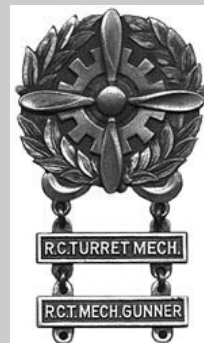
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William Price TMCA Life member

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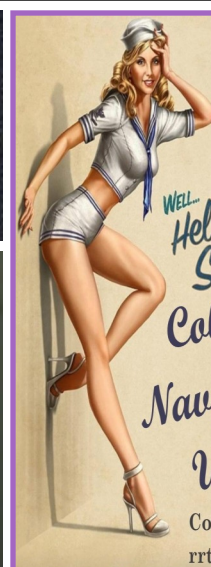
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**Medal of Honor Recipient James Ernest Karnes**



James Ernest "Buck" Karnes (July 20, 1889–July 8, 1966), was born in Arlington, Tennessee and grew up in Knoxville, TN. Karnes entered active duty with the United States Army's 117th Infantry from the Tennessee National Guard during World War I. On October 8, 1918 during the Meuse-Argonne Offensive, Karnes' company was stopped near, Estrees, France by a German machine gun position. Karnes and Private Calvin John Ward, deciding they had "had all they could take" of this situation, fixed bayonets, charged and captured the position. This freed their company to advance against German lines in the last major offensive of the war. Both men received the Medal of Honor for extraordinary heroism in this action.

The Alcoa Highway (US Route 129) bridge over the Tennessee River in Knoxville is named after Karnes.

**Medal of Honor citation**

Rank and organization: Sergeant, U.S. Army, Company D, 117th Infantry, 30th Division.  
Place and date: Near Estrees, France, October 8, 1918. Entered service at: Knoxville, Tenn. Born: 1889, Arlington, Tenn. G.O. No.: 50, W.D., 1919.

**Citation:**

During an advance, his company was held up by a machinegun, which was enfilading the line. Accompanied by another soldier, he advanced against this position and succeeded in reducing the nest by killing 3 and capturing 7 of the enemy and their guns.

