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2018 Spring/Summer Show

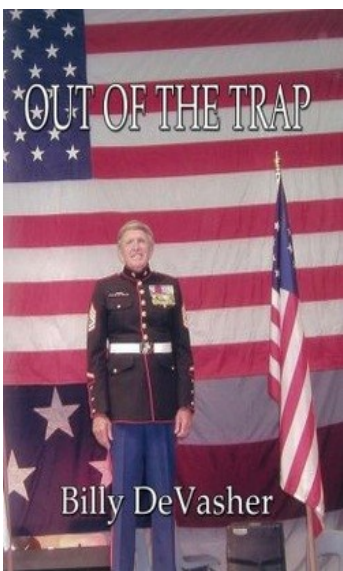
Where: Franklin Marriott Conference Center / Hotel Cool Springs
700 Cool Springs Blvd., Franklin, TN 37067 — I-65 South Exit 68A
When: Friday, **March 30th** - Dealer Set up & Members Only 8am - Noon
Public Admitted 12 pm - 6 pm
Saturday, **March 31st** - 8 am - 3 pm
Admission: \$5. for Non-Members. **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, and the Alabama Military Collectors Association (wear your current up-to-date AMCA membership badge.)
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 16, 2018**



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Club News

TMCA Spring/Summer Show Special Events



Billy DeVasher

Billy DeVasher (both a WWII and Korean War veteran) will be at the Show sharing his experiences and selling /signing his book "Out of the Trap." This book explains his unique and



John C. Ward Edward R. Talley

For the last three years, the Shows have been dedicated to the memory of the Tennesseans who won the Congressional Medal of Honor while serving in WWI. It is indeed an honor

to announce that at the Spring Show there will be the Congressional Medal of Honor won by Private John Calvin Ward and Sargent Edward R. Tally. Other awards and memorabilia belonging to these two men will also be on display. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to see these two awards being displayed together in Middle Tennessee. This display is credited to the efforts of TMCA life member, author and Tennessee historian Mike Beck. Please don't miss this opportunity for you and your family to see this wonderful historical display and pay homage to the memory of these two brave Tennesseans.

Treasure Chest for Collectors

Most veterans sent or carried back small boxes of war souvenirs. As collectors, these small boxes are full of wonderful little treasures and puzzle pieces of history, just waiting for us to discover.

Boxes of souvenirs can tell a lot about the veterans travels and experiences. Many times you can tell where the soldier has been and who he may have encountered along the way. All based on the items he chose to pick up.

I love finding groups like this right of the woodwork. I always keep them together as found for the future.



Cigar box full of small badges and medals brought back by:
Tech 5 Paul F Perssico Sr.
100th Signal Company
100th Infantry Division.



HJ Knife and a few small Nazi pins carried back in a German stick grenade pouch by Sgt. Roback.



Sgt. Roback's Purple Heart was also included in the pouch along with his CBI. A spend .45 ACP bullet is inside the PH box, deliberately saved. Was he accidentally shot by friendly fire?



A small vintage truck full of dusty bits and pieces of war souvenirs.

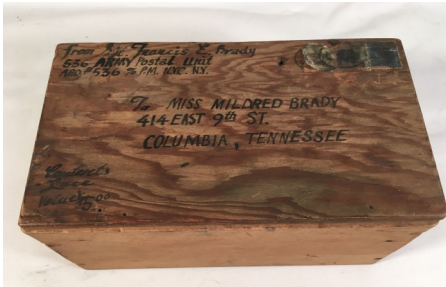
It is interesting to see parts inside the trunk from a duffle bag cut, K-98 rifle. It was never put back together.





US Army ration box that contained a mint pair of German Police leather saddle bags, a blank SA shirt and a pair of riding pants.

The veteran must have enjoyed horses and was look for riding gear.



A wonderful grouping of souvenirs mailed back by Sgt. Francis Brady, US Army Postal Unit.

Items include some very nice and higher end Bavarian medals which include a solid gold Bavarian Military Merit Cross 2nd Class Neck Order.



Included are also Bavarian full Colonel and General's shoulder boards, leading one to suspect that Sgt. Brady may have obtained most of these from the same source near Munich.

I would bet that many of these medals and boards came from the same high ranking Bavarian officer or from his estate.



An old box containing a few WW2 items from PFC Milton Green. Included were also two WW1 helmets from his father's service in WW1.

Items in the trunk are mostly from the Frankfurt area which is exactly where PFC Green ended his time in Germany.



“The Fascination of Collecting the M1 Garand” by David Eagan



I guess my interest in the M1 Garand started when I was a kid watching movies like "Sands of Iwo Jima", "Battleground" and "To Hell and Back". I did not get one in my hands until I went to college and took the required ROTC classes.

Actually owning one was several years later after college, marriage, starting a career, the arrival of my son and our first new home. My interest in the M1 had not diminished and I would continue to read every article written in the gun magazines.

I started saving my money and looking for an excellent one. I looked at the gun shows and very little was to be found. I even attended shows where there was not one to be seen. I had known that one could be purchased through the Division of Civilian Marksmanship(DCM), but my job and travel did not allow me to make the purchase. Finally a gun show at the Nashville Fairgrounds I found my first suitable one.

Through the years I found additional ones and made many friends while doing so. A fine gentlemen and WWII veteran named Hank was my greatest mentor. I feel fortunate to have had time to learn from him.

The first purchase led to buying more books about the Garand and increasing my knowledge about. It has been and continues to be my favorite battle rifle. General George S. Patton is noted for two compliments that he made about the M1. "In my opinion the M1 Rifle is the greatest battle implement ever devised" sent to the War Department, and "I consider the M1 the greatest weapon ever made" The latter from a note sent to the Springfield Armory. It was the right rifle at the right time.



The M1 Garand was made during WWII by Springfield Armory and Winchester Repeating Arms Co. and post war by Springfield Armory, International Harvester and Harrington and Richardson

Arms Co. The variations and modifications were numerous during the manufacturing of over six millions rifles. It is both a collectors delight and frustrations. To add to the scenario, there were multiple military inspectors and approval stamps. There are not many collectors that have acquired every manufacture and variation and I might



add that I am not one of them. It would take a very large book to cover all the attributes and variations of the rifle designed by the well respected inventor John Garand, the U.S. M1 Rifles name-sake.

To choose my favorite one is difficult, as each one has a different story, place and respect in the collection. After thoughtful consideration I have chosen the least attractive and well used one. It was produced by Springfield Armory prior to the start of WWII in

December of 1940. It is referred to as a pre Pearl Harbor model. If only it could tell of it's many adventures, what an interesting story we could share.

For more information concerning the Garand rifles or this featured weapon, please see me at the Show.

Remembering WWII: Living History, Education & Honor

September 29th, 2018

WWII history will come to life at this incredible, hands-on living history event. Attendees will experience two WWII re-enactments, an army encampment, live big band music, an authentic recreation of the 1940s Cafe de Normandie, vintage vehicles, antiques vendors, WWII jeep rides, and more. Most importantly, they will have a rare opportunity not only to hear WWII veterans share their stories, but will be able to speak with them and express their appreciation in person. Join us in Linden, TN, Sept. 29th, 2018, for an unforgettable day of honoring our heroes, connecting personally with the past, and experiencing a taste of life in the 1940s.



Highlights of this Multi-Faceted Event

- WWII Vets – Hear their first-hand stories!
- 1940's Music – Delight in the vocal music of yesteryear! Live Big Band music, too!!
- WWII Reenactments – See “German-occupied” town liberated by Allied forces!
- WWII encampments – Tour American, German, British, French Resistance army camps!
- Vintage Car Show – Admire the pre-war cars that line the streets!
- Military Vehicles – “Inspect” Both WWII and other eras military vehicles!
- Swap Meet – Find deals on Vintage and military goodies!
- Store Fronts – Stroll downtown Linden and window shop the 1940's storefronts!
- Home Front Kitchen – Visit a period kitchen and see what life was like in the 1940's!
- Lunch – Support our local Volunteer Fire Department that prepare lunch for the

event!

Café – Savor a French Beignet, ice cream cone, or float; try a soda from an old-fashioned bottle!

USO Shows – Enjoy entertainment as the troops did; 1940's music; hear a Winston Churchill speech!

101stAirbourne – Bask in patriotic music of the 101stAirbourne band and admire the Honor Guard

Vehicle Rides – Take rides in vintage military vehicles and civilian cars (maybe even a 1929 fire truck!)

Parade – Honor our vets (WWII & all eras) as they parade by in military and civilian WWII era vehicles!

WWII Plane Flyovers – Admire the WWII planes as they flyover throughout the day!

Fireworks – Enjoy a fabulous fireworks display as we round out Saturday night!

There is a section for a swap meet and tables are available (see our website). www.RememberingWWII.com

www.facebook.com/RememberingWWII



**Member of the Year
2017**

Robert (Bob) Dunlap



**Dealer of the Year
2017**

Steve Strickland

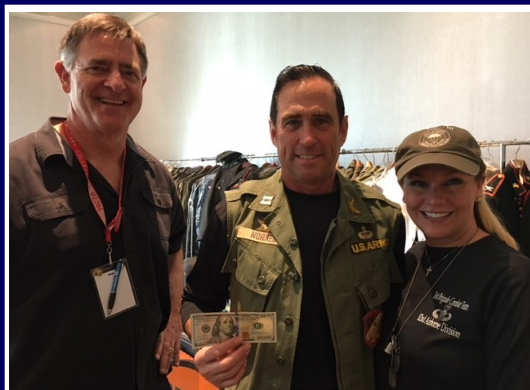


**WWI Display Winner Fall
2017**

Pat Gibson "Guns of 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 2018 SPRING SHOW



David Hoagey presents new dealer Lt. Colonel Larry N. Norred, Jr. and his wife Kathleen a \$100 bill for staying at the Fall 2017 Show until 3PM on Saturday.

Larry Norred, Jr. is in his 35th year of service with the U.S. Army including time as a Noncommissioned Officer, Warrant Officer and Commissioned Officer. He has spent 8 years in Special Forces and 27 years as an Infantry Officer. He is a Veteran of the Global War on Terror with tours of duty in Afghanistan in the Task Force Phoenix Program (III/IV) as an embedded Combat Advisor and later as an Infantry Battalion Commander.

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

**OVMS
Wilmington Show
Hours**

Thursday: June 14, 2018
One Hour Dealer
drop-off 7pm - 8pm

Friday: June 15, 2018
Dealers 9:00 am
OVMS Members 11 am
Public 1pm to 6pm

Saturday: June 16, 2018
Dealers 8:30 am
Members 9am to 3pm
& Public

**TIME TO GO
TO
WILMINGTON!**



Admissions: One Day Pass: \$5. Special Two Day Pass: \$8

**Alabama Military Collectors Association
(AMCA)
SPRING SHOW
April 21 & April 21, 2018
Huntsville, AL**



**Huntsville Jaycee's Community Building
2180 Airport Rd, Huntsville AL, 35802**

**TGWC
Tennessee Great War Commission**

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**** FOR SALE ****

CZECH,VZ52 rifle ,7.62X45 CAL. VG.COND. VG BORE \$550.00
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 GERMANMAUSER,98K,dot,VG. import,(crs 43 bayo)VG. \$525.00
 SPANISH MAUSER,M1893,7MM,arsenal refurb.bayo,\$375
 RUSSIAN M91/30 ,HEX,TULA1936,bayo,\$375.00
 RUSSIAN M91/30 SNIPER,PU SCOPE,match bayo. \$1,100.00
 HIGH STANDARD HD MILITARY PISTOL,6.75 bbl.,EX. \$600.00
 CZECH DUO .25CAL semi auto pistol.GOOD. \$375.00
 ROMANIAN 70'S 8mm AMMO,760 RDS in 2 spam cans \$345.00
 TURKISH 8mm AMMO,1400 RDS. in wood crate,\$350.00
 RUSSIAN 7.62X54R MIL. SURP.440 rds. in a spam can \$160.00
 ROMANIAN 7.62X25 Brass case.80',spam can,1224 rds.\$360.00

All firearms & ammo are from my personal collection.
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**** FOR SALE ****

WW2 Aviation Art Prints For Sale
 I have collection of prints by most of the well known artists; Taylor, Trudgian, Kodera, Phillips, Stokes, and others. I'm compiling a list, so if you have any specific wants contact me at 901 457-7654, or eghj@earthlink.net, Thanks, Ewing Haley TMCA Member #122





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Medal of Honor Recipient John Calvin Ward



Calvin John Ward was born on October 30, 1899 in Greene County, Tennessee and lived in Morristown, Tennessee. Ward entered active duty with the United States Army's 117th Regiment from the Tennessee National Guard during World War I. On October 8, 1918 during the Meuse-Argonne Offensive, Ward's company was stopped near Etrées, France by a German machine gun position. Ward and Sergeant James Ernest Karnes, 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.

Calvin Ward died on December 15, 1967 and is buried in Glenwood Cemetery Sullivan, Tennessee.

Medal of Honor Citation

Rank and organization: Private, U.S. Army, Company D, 117th Infantry, 30th Division. Place and date: At Estrees, France; October 8, 1918. Entered service at: Morristown, Tennessee. Born: October 30, 1898; Green County, Tennessee. General Orders: War Department, General Orders No. 16 (January 22, 1919).

Citation: During an advance, Pvt. Ward's company was held up by a machinegun, which was enfilading the line. Accompanied by a noncommissioned officer, he advanced against this post and succeeded in reducing the nest by killing three and capturing seven of the enemy and their guns.

