

# The TMCA News

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## 2021 Spring Show

**Where:** Franklin Marriott Conference Center / Hotel  
Cool Springs 700 Cool Springs Blvd., Franklin, TN 37067  
**When:** Friday, **April 2nd** - Dealer Set-up & Members Only 8 am - 12 pm  
Public Admitted 12 Noon - 6 pm  
Saturday, **April 3rd** - 8 am - 3 pm

**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, Weapons, Veterans. **Buy-Sell-Trade-Display-Appraisals.**

**Table Reservations** '305' 6 FT. Tables ~ Members Only ~  
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**Room Reservations at Hotel:** Call 1-888-403-6772 or 615-261-6100 and ask to receive the TMCA discount rate of \$114 (king/queen), plus tax (normal rate is \$209). **Deadline for this Special Rate is March 4, 2021**

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## Club News

### 75th Anniversary of the Pacific Theater Theme: Tarawa to Okinawa

To commemorate the 75th anniversary of WW2 in the Pacific. The TMCA will be giving out an award for the best, Pacific Theater display during our Spring 2021 show.

We are concentrating on later Pacific campaigns, 1943-45.



### Newsletter News



This will be the **last printed issue** that we mail out to each member. From now on, we will be providing the newsletter on-line only. A link to the newsletter will be sent out via email from the TMCA, so be sure to have your email address updated.

You will always be able to go to our website at [www.tmcaonline.org](http://www.tmcaonline.org) and look at current and past issues anytime.



It is simple economics like everything else. Postage keeps going up each year as well as the printing cost. With over 1,000 members in the TMCA, you can easily see the issue. I am old fashion and I like a printed copy, however most of the feedback we get is that the newsletter is tossed away as junk mail most of the time.

To print and mail the newsletter cost over \$1.20 per issue, not to mention the hours of labor that goes into folding, addressing and stamping them prior to mailing. With 2 issues being sent out each year, the cost comes out to about \$2,000 to \$2,500. The TMCA board has decided to focus these funds on increased advertising instead of printed newsletters.

### TMCA Insurance Rules

NO loaded guns are allowed at our TMCA shows, this includes **concealed carry**. Sorry guys.

No, it's not because the TMCA is against loaded guns, it's because our insurance coverage does not allow concealed, carry or loaded guns at any of our shows. This is an NRA policy.

**Please do not violate this policy!!**

If we lose insurance, we lose the show! It's no secret that the current political agenda is targeting the firearms hobby by targeting those who insure it. Please do NOT help them out.

One incident or accident and you will have given them ammunition for their cause. We are not a gun show, we are a Historical Militaria show and we would like it to stay that way.

The only firearms we allow at TMCA shows are unloaded and secured historical military weapons.



Note: This image is just to get your attention to read the article.

*It worked, didn't it ?*

**Please review our insurance requirements listed here and make sure you are abiding by them.**



a.	Is the sale or service of alcohol prohibited at these shows?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
b.	Is the display or storage of black powder prohibited at these shows?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
c.	Are vendors prohibited from displaying or storing more than 5 pounds of Pyrodex at these shows?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
d.	Are vendors required to keep all firearms unloaded and tied in a manner to prevent firing, including removal of the magazines?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
e.	Do you require that all firearms brought on the premises by the public are checked at the door to confirm they are not loaded, that they are tied in a manner to prevent firing, and that magazines are removed and unloaded?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
f.	Do you prohibit any firing of firearms on the premises?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
g.	Are concealed firearms prohibited on the premises for anyone who is not a law enforcement officer, hired security personnel or without a concealed carry permit?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
h.	For other than law enforcement or hired security personnel, are loaded firearms, magazines or clips prohibited?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
i.	Do you require that all ammunition remain in sealed containers?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
j.	Do you prohibit gunsmith or reloading work during shows?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
k.	Do you employ security guards to ensure each guest is in compliance with the above listed requirements and relevant state and federal requirements at all times? If yes, please indicate type of security personnel used: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hired Guards <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Guards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
l.	Do you prohibit the display or sales of any illegal firearms or ammunition?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
m.	Do you require a certificate of insurance from each exhibitor or lessee of at least \$1,000,000 and are you an additional named insured under that coverage?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
n.	Are you insured by, or are you a member of, any organization that has coverage provided by another carrier elsewhere? If yes, please indicate which program, the name of the insured and the certificate number(s).	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No



### Fall 2020 Show Displays

We had many very fine displays at our Fall Show, all which were themed on the early part of WW2 in the Pacific—“Pearl Harbor to Guadalcanal.”

I was surprised to see a extremely rare grouping from MM1c James Robertson, killed on the USS Arizona during the Pearl Harbor attack. As I walked down several more tables, was soon blown away with Robert Wilson’s display of not one, but four (4) KIA Purple Heart groupings from Pearl Harbor, three of which were from the USS Arizona. Only Robert would have such a rare collection and all from his home state of North Carolina. It’s not everyday you’ll see 5 Purple Hearts from Pearl Harbor at the same location.

Jimmy Howell had a fine collection of early USMC paratrooper items, and Rick Moody had a fine collecting of early WW2 fighting knives. David Rogers had a excellent display of early Japanese military and aviation items which won him 1st place in the display awards. Darrel Bailey had a stunning collection of early WW2 Japanese uniform which won his the Directors Choice Award.

Note: These photos are just a few of the many displays at our show. Not all are represented here due to lack of space.



Five Pearl Harbor Killed in Action Navy Purple Hearts at one show. Very rare !







**Pilots long lost shoe found decades later at the crash site.**

**Lt. William Littlewood  
Pilot**

**F6C 42-103460  
(Shot down)**

**111th Tactical  
Reconnaissance  
Squadron**



**Lt. William Littlewood (POW)**

Lt. William C. Littlewood was

born on 3 May 1923 in Plainfield, New Jersey. His parents were William Littlewood and Dorothy Cushman. He had one brother, Robert. He was attending Cornell University just before the war but dropped out, or was pushed out. He told his family that he had flushed a cherry bomb down a toilet causing plumbing problems all over campus. He said that it also blew out some of the old lead piping. He volunteered for the Navy, which turned him down. He next volunteered for the Army Air Force and was accepted.



Upon completing his pilot training he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in November 1943. William was flying P-47's with the 324th Fighter Group 316th Fighter Squadron. On 9 September 1944 he was flying a mission near Basel France where he first destroyed a locomotive and 12 freight cars. He continued searching for other targets in the area and he destroyed two more locomotives, four freight cars, and damaged 15 other freight cars. During the attack, his plane was hit by flak and he had to make a crash landing back at his base. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross for this in December 1944. He wanted to fly P-51's and was able to transfer to the 111th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, XII Tactical Air Command, of the 12th Army Air Force. On 25 December 1944, he was flying a F6C (recon version of the P-51C) serial number 42-103460. The plane had two nose art names, "Rome Gnome" and "Weenie Merchant 2". This was his 100<sup>th</sup> mission. He departed from Azelot France on a combat reconnaissance mission in the Frankfurt Germany area. He was flying as wingman for Captain Victor Gentzler. As they reached the target area, Victor called William to stay on his wing as they were about to drop down and start the photo run. When they started the run, William was flying off to his right wing, and when he leveled out to begin the run he was still there. After completing the photo run, he lost sight of William, calling out to him over the radio. That is when he saw about 12 German ME109 fighters off to his right with William flying amongst them. As he was heading in that direction, he saw William shoot down

one of the German fighters before losing sight of him with another ME109 on his tail. Victor called out to him telling him to dive for speed, hit the deck, and head for home, but William did not answer. A few minutes later William called back telling Victor that he was losing altitude and that his engine was shot up badly. He called again a few seconds later telling Victor that he was bailing out. He was captured after several days and was interned at the German POW camp Stalag Luft 1.

After the war William went to Harvard University, while there he met Ruth Bosson a freshman at Radcliffe College. He and Ruth married in May 1947. After graduating from Harvard, he attended the University of Chicago to study psychology. He worked as a psychologist but never got an advanced degree. When his father died, he moved the family to California where he got an MA degree from Antioch University.



**F6C Mustang No. 42-103460 Shot Down Dec 25, 1944.  
"The F6C was a reconnaissance version of the  
P-51C Mustang."**



He and Ruth had five children, Lee, Jill, David, Steven, and John. William passed away on 27 November 2017. German aviation historian and author Kurt Langer recovered the artifacts from the crash site of William's plane about 30 years ago. When we received the artifacts there was also shoe that Kurt had recovered from the crash site.

When talking with William's son Lee and describing the artifacts that were found I told him that there was also a shoe that had been recovered from the crash site of his dad's plane. Lee laughed, telling me that over the years his dad had told the story about bailing out of the plane and then realizing that he had lost a shoe, and never knew if it came off in the plane, or when he parachuted out.

The original wartime color Kodachrome photos with this story are from William's family.



**Lt. William Littlewood next to his P-47 while flying with the 324th Fighter Group, 316th Fighter Squadron in 1943.**



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**Wing Fuel Tank Gauge from Crash Site**



**Gun Sight from 42-103460**



**Miscellaneous Relics from Crash Site of F6C Mustang 42-103460**



# Up Coming Shows and Events

Artillery Shoot, Pelham, TN. April 10/11, 2021 Annual Gallant John Pelham Artillery Competition and Shoot. Harry (423) 298-8112, or elk11060@yahoo.com \$20 admission fee.

The Alabama Military Collectors Association (AMCA) Spring Show - April 23rd & April 24th 2021 For more info visit their website: <http://www.almilitarycollectors.org/showinfo/showinfo.html>

The Ohio Valley Military Society (OVMS) JUNE WILMINGTON SHOW JUNE 11-12, 2021 For more info visit their website: <http://www.sosovms.com/>

Show of Show - OVMS. The February OVMS SOS Show was moved due to COVID-19 to July 21-25 2021. Everything is the same, just the dates have changed.

Knob Creek Machine Gun Shoot - April 2021 is CANCELLED ! Next scheduled event s Oct 8-9 2021.

### Fall Show 2020 Winners

#### Dealer of the Year



Bill Combs

### Member of the Year



Dan Lee

### Best Display



David Rogers

### Directors Choice Best Display



Darrell Bailey

**Not Pictured is Bob Schlafly Winner of \$100 Dealer Drawing.**

The TMCA is truly an active club that offers their members lots of opportunities to meet and enjoy the fellowship with likeminded individuals. The major Club events takes place at Franklin/Cool Springs Marriott Hotel. Our events are held on the Friday and Saturday of every Easter and Thanksgiving weekend. The Shows have over 300 tables full of military relics available for show, sale and trade. The Spring/Sumer Show will be April 2 and 3, 2021 and The Fall/Winter Show takes place on November 26 and 27, 2021 following all COVID-19 rules.

The Club has a monthly meeting that takes place on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (except May, October and December). The meetings include Club updates and some members bring their special items for show-and-tell. The meetings are held at local restaurants and the locations may vary. There are three special meeting that take place in May, October and December. Shooting events are held in May and October and a special December Christmas Dinner event.

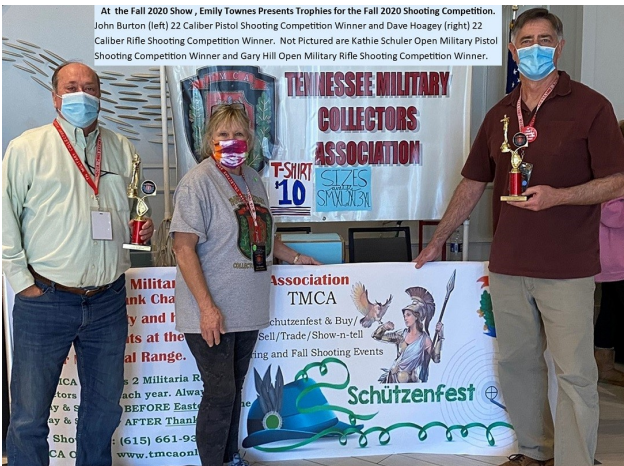
The shooting events take place Charlie Haffner Memorial Range which is located at 2795 Owl Hollow Road in Franklin Tennessee. <https://williamsonshooting.com/location>. You will be able to shoot pistols and rifles, but NO FULLY AUTO class 3 firearms are allowed at the range. You will need to bring your firearm, ammo, ear protection and targets. The range does not sell shooting supplies of any type. So, you will also need to bring your own stapler gun or heavy-duty push pins to attach your target to the provided wooden stands.

The TMCA NRA shooting instructor/Rangemaster will be on site to control the shoot. He will be available to educate and help

anyone who would like to learn the correct ways to handle and shoot their firearm. He will also be coordinating the Fall competition target event. After the shooting event, the Club will furnish dinner (no acholic beverages will be served and no alcohol is permitted on the premises). The number of participants is limited by the range capacity. A small fee is charged to off-set the Club expenses. Also, during the shooting events everyone is welcome to bring items to sell, trade or for show and tell. You will need to bring your own table for your items and a chair for these events. Check the TMCA website for more info.

The last event of the year will be our Christmas Meeting celebration and dinner in December. Place, date and time will be announced closer to the event.

The TMCA is a affiliated organization. An up-to-date membership can be used to order the 1911/A1. For sales information/instructions, visit their website at [www.TheCMP.org/1911/](http://www.TheCMP.org/1911/).



At the Fall 2020 Show, Emily Towmes Presents Trophies for the Fall 2020 Shooting Competition. John Burton (left) 22 Caliber Pistol Shooting Competition Winner and Dave Hoagey (right) 22 Caliber Rifle Shooting Competition Winner. Not Pictured are Kathie Schuler Open Military Pistol Shooting Competition Winner and Gary Hill Open Military Rifle Shooting Competition Winner.



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## NEW RULES for TMCA Show Entry

In the past, we have always let any TMCA member into the show at the same time as the dealers set-up.

Due to the overcrowding during set-up and for security reasons, we will be limiting access to the following times:

Effective Immediately: Thursday night set-up (if available) will be limited to only; Dealers, \*1 Dealer Helper and TMCA LIFE Members Only. No regular TMCA members. YOU MUST HAVE YOUR TMCA BADGE ON to enter the hall!!!

Effective starting November 2021, we will be limiting access during Friday morning set-up.

Thursday night set-up - Dealers and \*1 Table Helper, TMCA Life-Members.

Friday morning 8AM - 9AM Dealers and \*1 Table Helper, TMCA Life-Members.

Friday 9AM till 6PM. Dealers, all table helpers and any TMCA member.

Friday NOON till 6PM: Open to Public



This practice falls in line with most shows of similar type.

\*NOTE: All table helpers must be a TMCA member or family member and name listed on pre-register form with member #.  
Family Member: Spouse and children 18 and under must have a Family Badge with their name and table holder's name on the badge.

