

# The TMCA News

April 2023



## 2023 Spring Show

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

**When:** Friday, **April 7th** - Life Members Only 8AM-9AM  
Members Only 9AM - Noon Public Admitted 12 Noon - 5PM  
Saturday, **April 8th** - 8AM - 3PM

**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, Photos Weapons, Books and much more! **Buy-Sell-Trade-Display-Appraisals.**

**Table Reservations** '320" 6 FT. Tables ~ Members Only ~  
**Sale and Display Tables - \$55 each. SOLD OUT, call for waiting list**  
**To reserve contact Ronnie Townes @ 615-661-9379 - tmca@comcast.net**

**Room Reservations at Hotel:** Call 1-888-403-6772 or 615-261-6100 and ask to receive the TMCA discount rate of \$119 (king/queen), plus tax (normal rate is \$289). **Deadline for this Special Rate is March 9, 2023**

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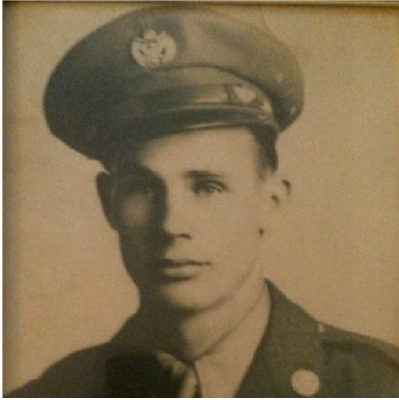
## Club News

Display Award of \$100 will be given for the best display relating to:

**“Anything Military Related to WW1 or WW2”**

This is a chance to bring out your collections and show of some of what you have.





SSgt. Dwight Hinkle served as a Tail Gunner with the 398th Bomb Group out of Nuthampstead. He was part of one of the 603rd Bomb squadron's original crews. He completed 25 missions on August 16, 1944.

# "THE TENNESSEAN"

SSgt Dwight Hinkle, Tail Gunner, 398th BG, 603rd BS

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after January 1, 1922 and on or before June 30, 1924)

SERIAL NUMBER: N-5287    D. NAME (Print): Dwight (none) Hinkle    ORDER NUMBER: 12,141

E. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) (11th. Dist): DPHS, (Old Lem Moss Farm)    Springfield, Robertson, Tennessee.

F. PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL

I. MARINE ADDRESS: Same Address

J. TELEPHONE: None    K. AGE IN YEARS: 18    L. PLACE OF BIRTH: Robertson County, Tennessee

M. DATE OF BIRTH: February 26, 1924

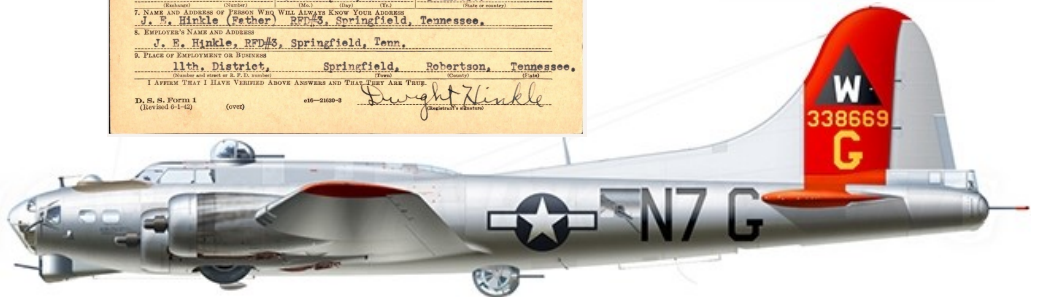
N. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ACT AS YOUR GUARANTOR: J. E. Hinkle, DPHS, Springfield, Tennessee.

O. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: J. E. Hinkle, DPHS, Springfield, Tenn.

P. PLACE OF REGISTRATION OR BUSINESS: 11th. District, Springfield, Robertson, Tennessee.

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

D. S. S. FORM 1 (Last Issue 9-1-42)    618-2100-3    Dwight Hinkle



Dave Jordan - Jan 10, 2009  
398th Web Master

| 603rd Tour Completions |  |          |   |
|------------------------|--|----------|---|
| Announced              | Individual   | Missions |   |
| 8/8/44                 | Technical Sergeant L.D. Mason, engineer gunner on Lt. Engel's crew   | 27       |   |
| 8/12/44                | 2nd Lt. Linder Tanksley, bombardier on 1st Lt. Dean L. Foster's crew | 32       |   |
| 8/13/44                | 2nd Lt. J.W. Beck, navigator   | 31       |   |
| 8/13/44                | Technical Sergeant L.G. Nance, Jr., radio operator gunner            | 29       |   |
| 8/13/44                | 2nd Lt. Arthur Silverman, Co-Pilot                                   | 33       |   |
| 8/13/44                | 1st Lt. J. Gurney, Bombardier  | 30       |   |
| 8/16/44                | 1st Lt. Anthony J. Jellen, navigator                                 | 33       |   |
| 8/16/44                | 1st Lt. Dean L. Foster, pilot  | 32       |   |
| 8/16/44                | Technical Sergeant J.C. Bird, engineer gunner                        | 30       |   |
| 8/16/44                | Technical Sergeant W. Hineman, Jr., radio operator gunner            | 32       |   |
| 8/16/44                | Staff Sergeant F. P. Devaney, ball turret gunner                     | 32       |   |
| 8/16/44                | ★ Staff Sergeant Dwight Hinkle, tail gunner                          | 25       | ★ |
| 8/16/44                | Staff Sergeant Arthur Wilkinson, waist gunner                        | 29       |   |
| 8/26/44                | 1st Lt. Henry Timbrook, Jr., navigator                               | 33       |   |
| 8/26/44                | 1st Lt. John F. Nisoti, navigator                                    | 33       |   |
| 8/26/44                | 1st Lt. P.F. Heitman, navigator                                      | 33       |   |

Recently a nice lady sold me an A2 jacket that she had purchased years prior at a yard sale in Springfield, TN. It was not named. With a little research, it did not take long to discover who the owner of the jacket was.



It started with a Google search on all the mission targets listed on the jacket. I quickly found that the 398th BG, flew these same missions in the exact same order. I then concentrated on the last mission over Delitzsch on 8-16-44. I looked on-line at all the 398th Bomb Groups tour completion records and I noticed that in the 398th BG, 603rd BS, there were 7 guys who finished that day and only one of them, SSgt. Hinkle, had exactly 25 missions. Another quick search on Ancestor and I found that SSgt Hinckle was from Springfield, TN, the same location as to were the jacket was originally discovered. Further research suggested that "The Tennessean" painted on the jacket was Dwight's nickname, not the name on a B-17.



### 398th Missions 195 Combat Missions Here is Where We Found Our Targets

| May 1944                            | June 1944                         | July 1944  | August 1944                  |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| 06 Sottevast, Fr. (1)               | 02 Boulogne, France               | 04 Tours, France   | 01 Villaroche, France        |
| 07 Berlin                           | 02 Palaiseau, France (20)         | 06 Cauchie D'Ecques, France  | 03 Saarbrucken (66)          |
| 08 Berlin                           | 03 Manihen, France (am)           | 07 Leipzig   | 04 Peenemunde                |
| 09 St. Dizier, France               | 03 Manihen, France (pm)           | 08 Humieres-Fresnoy, France (45)                                   | 05 Doliberg                  |
| 11 Sarreguemines (5)                | 04 Hardlot, France                | 09 Humieres, France  | 06 Brandenburg               |
| 12 Lutskendorf                      | 05 Trouville, France              | 11 Munich  | 08 Caucicourt, France        |
| 13 Politz                           | 06 Courseulles, France (1st) (25) | 12 Munich  | 09 Saarbrucken (65)          |
| 19 Berlin                           | 06 Caen, France (2nd)             | 13 Munich  | 11 Brest, France             |
| 20 Villacoublay, Fr.                | 07 Kerlin-Bastard, France         | 16 Munich (50)   | 12 Versailles, France        |
| 22 Kiel (10)                        | 08 Tours, France                  | 18 Peenemunde  | 13 Le Manoir, France         |
| 23 Saarbrucken                      | 10 Le Touquet, France             | 19 Lechfeld  | 15 Ostheim                   |
| 24 Berlin                           | 12 Lille-Nord, France (30)        | 20 Dessau  | 16 Delitzsch (70)            |
| 25 Nancy/Essev, Fr.                 | 13 Beauvais, France               | 24 St. Lo, France  | 24 Kolleda                   |
| 27 Ludwigshafen                     | 15 Bordeaux, France               | 25 St. Lo, France (55)   | 25 Neubrandenburg            |
| 28 Ruhlant (15)                     | 18 Hamburg                        | 28 Merseburg   | 26 Gelsenkirchen             |
| 29 Posen [Poznan], Pol.             | 19 Cazaux, France                 | 29 Merseburg   | 27 Schoenkirchen             |
| 30 Dessau                           | 20 Hamburg (35)                   | 31 Munich  | 30 Kiel (75)                 |
| 31 Mulhouse, France                 | 21 Berlin                         |  |                              |
|                                     | 22 La Vaupaliere, France          |  |                              |
|                                     | 23 Fiefs, France                  |  |                              |
|                                     | 24 Belloy-sur-Somme, France       |  |                              |
|                                     | 25 Toulouse, France (40)          |  |                              |
|                                     | 27 Biennais, France               |  |                              |
| Practiced:<br>04 Spaulding, England |                                   | Scrubbed:<br>06 Munich<br>10 Unknown Target in France<br>27 Munich | Scrubbed:<br>02 Lens, France |

During the Fall 2022 show, the TMCA presented cash donations to the following organizations:

- Operation Stand Down
- American Legion Post 215
- Vietnam Veterans (VVA CHAPTER #1140)
- Music City Young Marines

The Tennessee Military Collectors Association has long been a proud supporter of Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps at local high schools. These programs promote patriotism, citizenship and working hard to improve the mind and body. Checks were presented to JROTC units at Independence, Page and Ravenwood High Schools. These funds will help support each JROTC unit's air rifle team.



The Club is happy to announce the winners of the Fall Club Shooting Event that took place on September 22, 2022 at the Charlie Haffner Memorial Range.

- ~Open Military Rifle Competition 2022: Jason Whitaker
- ~Outstanding Shooter 2022: B.J. Reich
- ~22 Caliber Rifle Competition 2022: David Hoagey
- ~Open Military Pistol Competition 2022: Bob Schlafly
- ~22 Caliber Pistol Competition 2022: Bob Schlafly



Life Membership being presented to Officer Dave Collins for Extended Service to the TMCA



### Lt. Charles C. Bragg, Pilot L-19 I Corps Artillery, Korean War

Charles Bragg was born on 18 December 1928 in Hartford City, IN. His parents were Carl A. Bragg and Helen Cady Bragg.

Charles completed is Reserve Officer Training Corps on 18 June 1949 and Coastal Artillery Corps Training on 1 June 1950. He joined the US Army on 20 February 1951 as a Senior Army Aviation Officer. He retired on 18 December 1988 as a Lieutenant Colonel. His military career included three tours of duty, one in Ja-



pan and two in Korea. Charles was a Commander of the 4<sup>th</sup> Howitzer Battalion of the US Army's Artillery Regiment. He was a highly decorated Officer receiving the Silver Star, Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters for flying 140 reconnaissance missions over enemy territory contributing directly to the successful accomplishments of those combat missions. Additionally he was awarded the Korean Service Medal with three Bronze Stars and the United Nations Service Medal.

Following his active duty in the Army and while a reservist. Charles went back to school and earned a business degree from Michigan State University. He was married to Marlene Thomas Bragg and passed away on 12 December 1988.

Charles was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action near Majong-Dong, Korea on 28 March 1953. Here are excerpts from the award document.

Lt Bragg volunteered to fly his L-19 aircraft low over a large concentration of active enemy anti-aircraft artillery deep within enemy territory so as to decoy the crews into the open in order that they might be destroyed by the I Corps Artillery. Due to the extreme hazards involved with this mission he flew without an observer. Despite the intense anti-aircraft fire being directed at him, approximately 5,000 rounds Lt. Bragg piloted his airplane over this concentration at a low altitude of 4,000 to 6,500 feet five times to ensure maximum damage to the enemy. He succeeded in decoying about 36 of the enemy weapons out into the open. By this act Lt. Bragg was responsible for the



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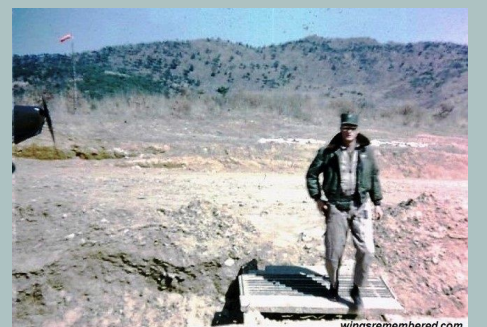
destruction of approximately 20 enemy anti-aircraft weapons and the killing or wounding of their crews. This mission so neutralized the enemy in the vicinity that I Corps Artillery aircraft could again fly over the area and conduct aerial surveillance and direction of artillery fire so vital to the supported infantry divisions. The enemy could no longer move troops and supplies through this area with impunity.



Lt. Bragg receiving his Silver Star.

Lt. Bragg's awards and decorations.

Note: The early pin-back Army Aviators badge. This wing was approved on July 27, 1950. It replaced the standard AAC pilots wing because the original AAC pilots wing was transferred to the newly formed US Air Force in 1947.



# SAM H. WERNER Military Museum

# Monteagle, Tennessee

1148 West Main Street, Monteagle, TN 37356

In January 2023, the local chapter of the TNMVPA (TN Military Vehicle Preservation Association) held their annual Christmas party at the Sam Werner Museum in Monteagle. Almost all of the TNMVPA members are also in the TMCA.

Special thanks goes out to Parker and the whole staff at the museum for allowing this private event to take place. Eating great food and looking at all the displays was truly an event to enjoy and remember.

The Sam Werner Museum is fairly new (opened in 2017), and it is growing fast. It is well worth a visit!

The museum exhibits relics from all wars with everything from wagons to tanks, pistols to cannons, horses to helicopters. Right now they are open Friday and Saturday from 10-3. Call Parker at 931-308-7854 for availability on other week days.



[www.wernermilitarymuseum.com](http://www.wernermilitarymuseum.com) 501C-3

## Up Coming Shows and Events

|             |                |                                |  |
|-------------|----------------|--------------------------------|--|
| April 7-8   | Nashville, TN  | TMCA Militaria Show            | <a href="http://tmcaonline.org">tmcaonline.org</a>                     |
| April 28-29 | Huntsville, AL | AMCA Militaria Show            | <a href="http://almilitarycollectors.org">almilitarycollectors.org</a> |
| May 6-7     | Mansfield, OH  | Ohio Civil War Militaria Show  | <a href="http://ohiocivilwarshow.com">ohiocivilwarshow.com</a>         |
| May 12-13   | Carthage, TN   | Tennessee Maneuvers Remembered | <a href="mailto:tressabush@live.com">tressabush@live.com</a>           |
| June 9-10   | Wilmington, OH | OVMS Militaria Show            | <a href="http://sosovms.com">sosovms.com</a>                           |
| July 23-24  | East Ridge, TN | Chattanooga Militaria Show     | <a href="http://americandigger.com">americandigger.com</a>             |



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**BG. Harold A. Nisley**

**Member of the Year**  
**John Schuler**

**Dealer of the Year**  
**JC & Larry Pittman**



### TENNESSEE MANEUVERS REMEMBERED

Friday, May 12      9am - 1:30pm School Groups  
 Saturday, May 13      10am - 4:30pm  
    6pm - 8pm - 1940s Mother's Day Dance

Downtown, Carthage, TN

Living/Homefront History, Red vs Blue Battle, Military/Period Vehicles, Education/Demonstration Booths, Plane Flyover, 1940s Entertainment and Artifact/Sweetheart Displays



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*Event updates will appear on the  
Smith County Historical  
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### The Alabama Military Collectors Association 33<sup>rd</sup> Military Show!

**April 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Huntsville Jaycees Community Bldg.  
2180 Jaycee Way SW, Huntsville, AL 35801

200 / 6ft. Tables - Buy - Sell - Trade - Display - 24 hr. Security  
 ★ Table Reservation Forms may be found on our Website! ★

**2-Day Pass  
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Militaria & Collectibles e.g., Uniforms, Caps, Visors & Helmets, Field Gear & Equipment, Medals, Badges & Buckles, Insignia, Flags, Pennants & Banners, Documents, Photos/Albums, Books and More....

Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>  
 Setup: Exhibitors ONLY 9 am.  
 OPEN to LIFE & Charter Members at 10 am.  
 OPEN to the Members & Public at 12pm.  
 CLOSED at 5 pm.

Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>  
 OPEN to Members & Exhibitors at 8 am.  
 OPEN to the Public at 9 am.  
 CLOSED to the Public at 4 pm.  
 CLOSED to Members & Exhibitors at 6 pm.

\* Children 12 and under, Military, Police, Fire & Rescue & Re-Enactors in Uniform admitted Free!

**\$CASH\$ Prizes for Winning Displays!**

**Table Reservations**  
 ♦ Member Sales - \$45 / Display \$25      ♦ Non-Member Sales - \$55 / Display - \$35

**No Refunds After April 16th**

For More Information: Visit us at [www.almilitarycollectors.org](http://www.almilitarycollectors.org) - By Email at: [uncshq@comcast.net](mailto:uncshq@comcast.net)  
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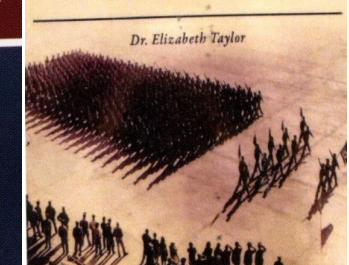
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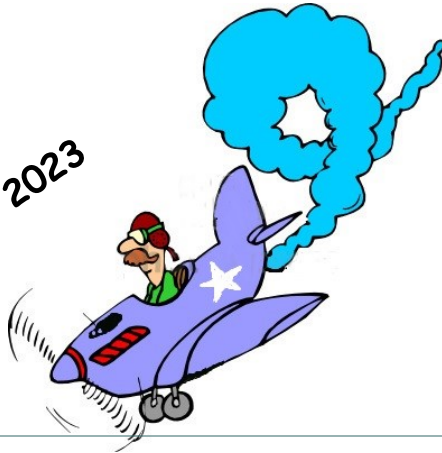
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It's showtime again!! April 7-8, 2023



The " SOUVENIR KING " Pvt. John (Barney) Hines

John "Barney" Hines, nicknamed "The Souvenir King" (1878-1958) was a British-born Australian 45th Battalion soldier of World War 1 known for his prowess at taking items from German soldiers.

Hines was the subject of a famous photo taken by Frank Hurley that depicted him surrounded by German military equipment and money he had looted during the Battle of Polygon Wood in September 1917.

This image (left-colorized) is among the best-known Australian photographs of the war. He is counting money stolen from prisoners of war, wearing a German Army field cap and sitting amidst German weapons and personal equipment.



After the war, Hines lived in poverty on the outskirts of Sydney until his death in 1958.