

The TMCA News

Spring 2024



2024 Spring Show

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

When: Friday, **March 29th** - Life Members Only 8AM-9AM
Members Only 9AM - Noon Public Admitted 12 Noon - 5PM
Saturday, **March 30th** - 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 \$121 (king/queen), plus tax (normal rate is \$289). *Email tmca@comcast.net for Hotel link

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Display Award Theme for Spring Show: *Military Aviation*

\$100 Award Prize



FP-45 (Flare Pistol) aka: American Liberator Pistol, .45 ACP
This particular weapon shown has early 1980's West German proof marks.



Most of us already know about the .45 Liberator Pistols of WWII. 1 Million were made at the cost of \$2.10 per unit. Production of the weapons was carried out at the General Motors, Guide Lamp Division plant in Anderson, Indiana. Total production time from start to finish was about 11 weeks. It was nicknamed the "Woolworth Pistol" and it was joked that they were manufactured faster than you could shoot and reload one.



The FP-45 was a crude, single shot pistol designed to be cheap and quickly mass-produced. It had just 23 largely stamped and turned steel parts that were cheap and easy to manufacture. It fired the .45 ACP pistol Cartridge from an unrifled barrel. **Collector note:** *Reproductions have a rifled barrel.* They were distributed in a cardboard box with 10 rounds of ammo, 5 of which could fit inside the butt plate. A set of cartoon instructions was also included.

All the ammo issued with these had the head stamp **FA 42**. Ammo was packed in a 10 round flat box. **Collector note:** *If you find FA 42 stamped .45 ACP still in the original 10 round flat box, it will bring a premium in price.*

The idea of the weapon was to mass distribute them in occupied areas via any method possible to help arm the local populations. It was not intended as a front line weapon, it was designed to be used as a terror weapon or a cheap gun to kill someone and then take their weapon. "A gun used to get a better gun".

FP-45 (Flare Pistol) was a military designation given to the weapon as a cover story to hide their mass production.

Most never left the USA, however many were still sent all over the world. Agencies such as the OSS helped distribute them. Hundreds of thousands of those that were never issued, ended up being destroyed after the war.

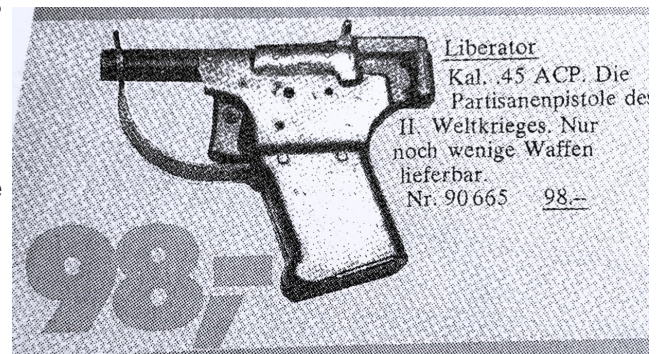


West German EAGLE "N" proofs

I purchased this FP-45 in Germany during the mid 1980's while stationed at Hahn Air Base. The July 1982 issue of DWJ Magazine (Deutsches Waffen Journal) had advertised a batch of these for just 98 DM each which was about \$40-45. I wish I had bought them all but I was not sure at the time if I could bring them back to the USA.

It is unknown how many were available at that time and the source of that batch of Liberators was kept a secret. All had been serial numbered by the West Germans. They were all Eagle "N" proofed and dated 1980 or 1982. The only factory marking was ".45 ACP" stamped on barrel.

Mine is serial number 53 and dated 1980. It is estimated that about 40 of them were sold to US Servicemen such as myself and imported back to the USA. They were legal to purchase by US Military personnel via the US Rhein-Main Rod and Gun club and they were BATF approved to import without adding any additional US import marks.



Original Ad: July 1982 DWJ Magazine. 98 DM's

WW2 JEEP, 1943 FORD GPW TMCA Life Member Richard Hanson



February marked a great deal of activity on my Dallas built January 43 Ford GPW that has been off the road since July of 2016.

My jeep precipitated in the Keeneland concours in Lexington Ky in July of 2016 when I had a engine problem that forced me to find a replacement engine. After a year of searching I found a engine with a serial number that was very close to the GPW's original one and started to have the engine rebuilt.



The rebuild took over four years because of one incompetent machine shop and assembly tech that didn't know what he was doing and that forced me to have the engine repaired again by another machine shop that did an excellent job but took overall three years to correct all the problems from the first rebuild



I was able to get the engine back last year and started to work on getting her back on the road with this past February being the first time the engine was started. As you can see in the pictures, I'm getting close and hope to have her done in time for the:

Tennessee Maneuvers in Carthage, TN on: May 3-4, 2024

Richard Hanson, VP
Military Motorpool of TN



**TENNESSEE
MANEUVERS REMEMBERED**

**Saturday, May 4 - Main Event 10am - 4pm
USO Style Dance 6 - 8pm**

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



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SOUVENIR HUNTING FROM DOWNED AIRCRAFT.

Tearing of fabric skin and cutting colorful metal panels from downed aircraft, was very popular on all sides during WW1 and WW2. Doing so was a unique war trophy to the victor and a proof of claim to the person who shoot the plane down.

During WW1 the airplane was a new concept and most soldiers had never actually seen one. The common soldier very fascinated when he came across the wreckage of a plane. It was also very easy for him to cut off a piece, fold it up and send it home as a souvenir.

Manfred von Richthofen (the Red Baron) had a room full of souvenirs that he had sent home. These included tail numbers cut from planes that he had shot down. Richthofen's souvenirs' included weapons, engines, insignia etc., from his victims. He sent them to his mother who displayed them in her Berlin home. In 1945 the Russians overran her home, forced her to move out and none of Richthofen's souvenirs have been seen since.



Richthofen's mothers home in Berlin



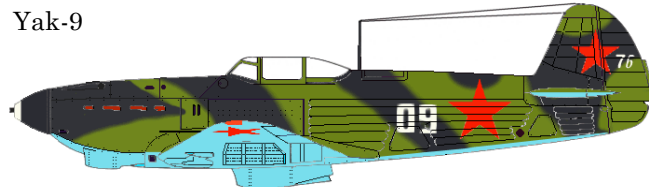
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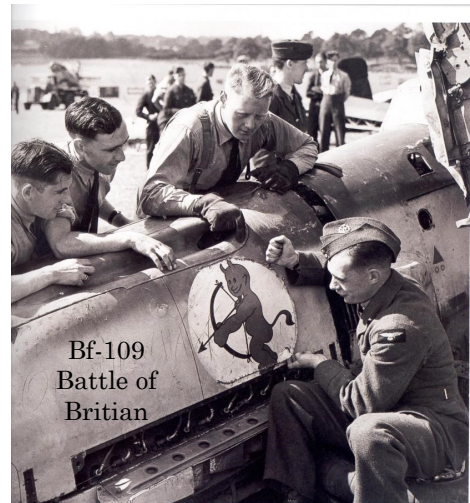
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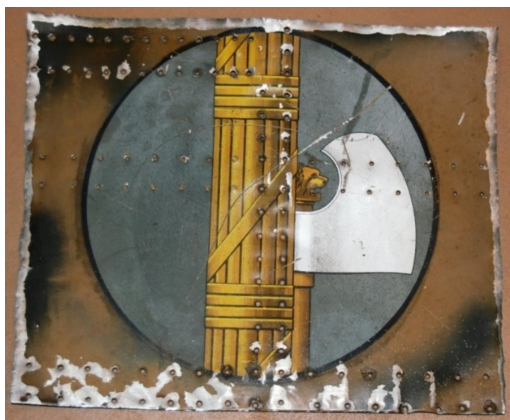
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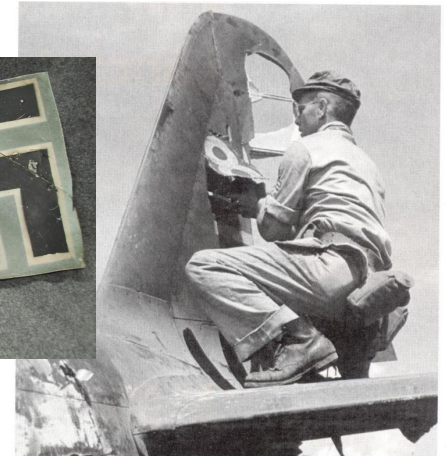
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Italian Macchi C.202



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To the victor goes the spoils. Cpl. Bob Sherman of the 4th Marine Division removes the serial number from the vertical stabilizer of Zero s/n 8-13 at Isley Field, Saipan, during July 1944.

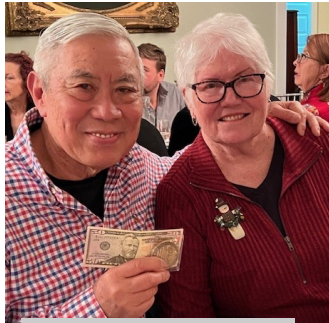
Up Coming Shows and Events

ACMA Show - Huntsville, AL - April 26-27, 2024 Alabama Military Collectors Association

Tennessee Maneuvers Remembered - May 4, 2024 Carthage, TN

Ohio Civil War Show - Mansfield, Ohio May 4-5, 2024

OVMS Show - Wilmington Ohio - June 7-8, 2024 Ohio Valley Military Society



Member of the Year, 2023
Sheldon Tyau



Dealer of the Year, 2023
Walter Dudgeon



Best Display Fall 2023 Rick Moody



2023 TMCA Fall Shooting Event Winners

- ◆ Open Military Pistol Competition 2023: Thai Mason
- ◆ 22 Caliber Pistol Competition 2023: Thai Mason
- ◆ Open Military Rifle Competition 2023: Jason Whitaker
- ◆ 22 Caliber Rifle Competition 2023: Sheldon Tyau



Page High School
JROTC Air-rifle Team

Group Photo of all
Recipients



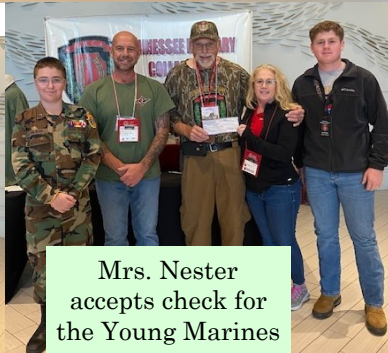
TMCA Supports the Veterans and the Community



Hendersonville High School
JROTC Air-rifle Team



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the Young Marines



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**The Alabama Military Collectors Association
35th Military Show!**

April 26th & 27th, 2024
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
\$8.00



\$\$\$ Prizes for
Winning Displays!

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 26th
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, 27th
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.

Admission: \$5 per Adult*

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

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

No Refunds After April 18th



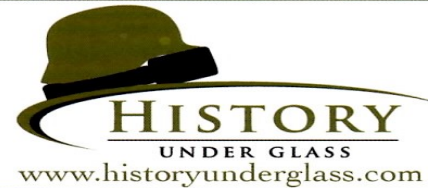
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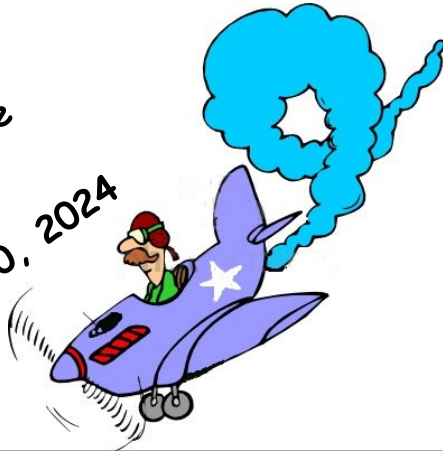
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**It's showtime
again !!
March 29-30, 2024**



*American Aircraft
Factory Display
showing some pieces
of a shot down
German Me-110*

**THIS IS YOUR
ENEMY**

**THIS CAPTURED
EQUIPMENT IS
THE PRODUCT OF
YOUR SPECIAL
ENEMY**

**- THE GERMAN
AIRCRAFT
WORKER -**

**THE MEN AND
WOMEN YOU MUST
OUTFIGHT AND
OUTWORK**