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June 2021 VGCA Newsletter

President's Comments

Greetings all VGCA Members,

Looks like we're getting back to normal from the pandemic fairly quickly. The Chantilly gun show is fully open again and we had our member recruiting table there during June 18-20 (which was very successful, by the way!).

The hot topic is when we can have VGCA in-person meetings again. My goal is to resume in-person meetings starting this September. As the NRA remains closed to the general public, our biggest challenge is finding a suitable meeting place. We are looking at alternatives and I hope to have more information soon. We will send out a Constant Contact notice once we have a venue lined up.

Another area impacted by the COVID quarantine are our two postponed election cycles. Elections will resume this fall with every officer (president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary) and the three director positions open. I encourage anyone interested to consider running. These are very rewarding jobs, do not take a lot of your time, and no experience is needed. We really need candidates because as of now, we have four or five vacancies. Please talk to any board member, officer, or myself to get more information.

Please consider running for an officer or board position - you will not regret the decision. These are a great bunch of people working to support a good cause.

Thank you!

—Bernie Breighner, VGCA President



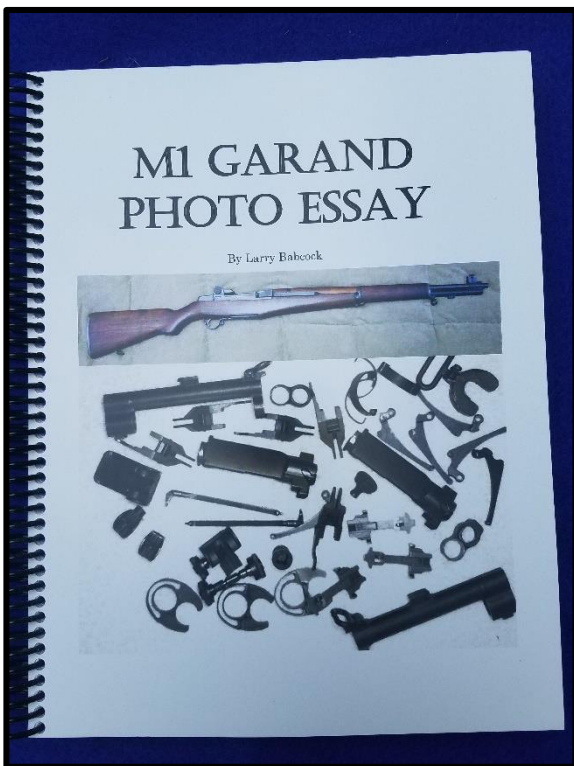
★ May Presentation

Virginia-born VGCA Life Member Larry Babcock has recently published Volume 2 of his **M1 Garand Photo Essay** and shared the backstory on how it (and the original Volume I) came to be.

Mr. Babcock's connection to the M1 rifle (in the words of no less than General George S. Patton, "the greatest battle implement ever devised") goes back to his days in Navy basic training in 1966. Much later, his son used an M1 as a drill rifle in the Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC). Mr. Babcock acquired his first M1 through the Department of Civilian Marksmanship (DCM) – the predecessor organization to the current Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP). After getting that first M1, Mr. Babcock's collection and quest for knowledge started to grow. . .

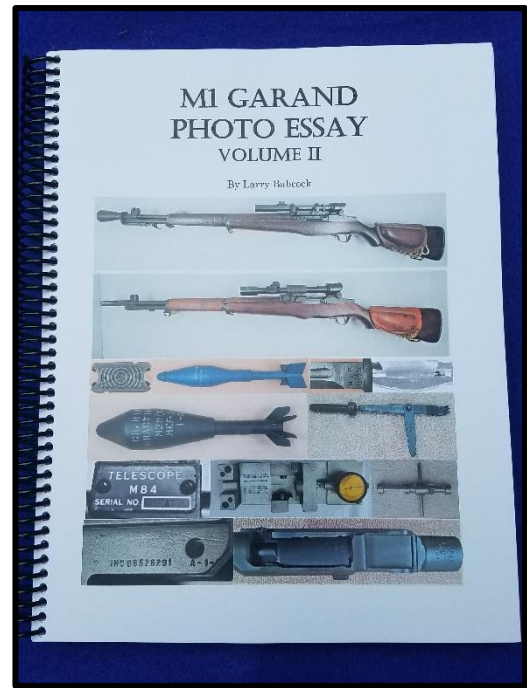
Mr. Babcock recounted that there was a recurring theme in his life. It started in high school, was expanded upon during his time in the U.S. Navy, and continued in his interactions with gun collectors. That theme was – Details! Pay attention to the details!

Mr. Babcock started learning about different parts of the M1. At the time, there wasn't much actually documented about different part manufacturers and part changes over time, and what was published was often poorly illustrated. Fellow collectors willingly shared their knowledge and Mr. Babcock even visited the CMP. His attention to detail made him a recognized expert, to the point that friends and collectors suggested he write a book to share this knowledge. Eventually, he was convinced to write, but writing a book and publishing a book are two very different things!



Going with a big publisher turned out to be an expensive approach. So Mr. Babcock found a quality printer and decided to self-publish. After several proof copies, he came out with initial **M1 Garand Photo Essay** in 2009 (*photo at left*). It focused on the basic identification of M1 rifle parts and was about 400 pages. While there are some text descriptions, its true value is in its detailed photographs. As we all know, a picture is worth a thousand words!

While parts identification is important, there is so much more to military rifles story than their parts. Earlier this year, Mr. Babcock published his **M1 Garand Photo Essay Volume II** (at right). This book covers the details (there is that word again!) of the M1C and M1D sniper variants, accessories (cleaning kits, slings, enblock clips, grenade launching spigots, etc.), and tools (both government and aftermarket). It is approximately 260 pages and, as with the earlier book, the text takes a back-seat to the excellent photographs.



Both of these books are excellent resources for collectors interested in the M1 and its accessories. Best of all, they are available to VGCA members at a discount. While Volume I is normally priced at \$69 and volume II lists for \$49, VGCA members can buy them directly from Larry for \$60 and \$40 each respectively - or \$90 total if you buy both. Look for Larry Babcock near the VGCA recruiting table at the next Chantilly Gun Show. Even you don't buy one of books, stop by and thank him for his work!

★ May Membership Business Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with 29 people participating via "Webinar"

VGCA President Bernie Breighner made the following comments:

- Virginia is planning to re-open post-COVID quarantine in mid-June, eliminating restrictions on group sizes / requirements for social distancing
- The NRA anticipates opening at the same time
 - o Look for in-person VGCA Membership meetings to resume starting in September
 - o In the meantime, we will have a webinar meeting in June, take July off, and have a webinar meeting in August (Bernie originally said we would take July and August off, but amended that at the Executive Committee meeting held on June 8th)
- After postponing the officer elections last May and the Director elections this May, we will have elections for all elected positions this fall (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and the three Director positions). Look for details in future newsletters
- The Chantilly gun shows will resume at full capacity starting in June, and we will once again start manning a recruiting table there
 - o Contact Marc Gorelick if interested in volunteering to assist with recruiting new members
- We had a very successful gun show in March and are looking at some possible improvements for the November show

- Potential changes include expanding the show to multiple buildings at the fairgrounds and possibly conducting Concealed Carry classes, firearms presentations, etc.

Show Manager Rick Nahas gave a quick update on our November show

- There are 28 available tables (based on the reduced capacity dictated by COVID-19 social distancing requirements). This number will increase if more tables are allowed in the main show building, or if we go to additional buildings
- The Prince William County Fairgrounds have new owners and they are making improvements
 - The main building has been painted
 - A covered corridor connecting the main building to the building behind it was recently completed

Membership Chairperson Bill Chronister reported that with the recent confirmation of four new members, the VGCA now has 412 life members and 100 annual members, for a total of 512.

Treasurer Shannon Ziegler provided a financial update

- The VGCA finances haven't changed much in the last year. Though our income has dropped with only having one gun show last year and limited opportunities to recruit new members, our expenses also declined significantly
 - Primary expenses have been printing and mailing the hard copy of the newsletter to those members who do not receive it digitally, as well as Constant Contact and Webinar fees

Secretary Rob Becker noted that the May edition of the VGCA Newsletter went out earlier this afternoon.

- He made a pitch for members to contribute articles, show-n-tell items, or reviews of gun shows, books, or museums for the newsletter. Please send any articles or photos to rpebecker@verizon.net.



★ Next Membership Meeting: June 24th, 7 p.m. Topic: The SKS – Collecting a Cold War Warrior presented by member Rob Becker. Since the NRA facilities remain closed to the public, we will conduct this meeting as a “webinar” similar to our last three VGCA Membership Meetings. A link to access the webinar will be sent to your email account from the VGCA constant contact address approximately 7 days before. We look forward to “seeing” you then!



VGCA Recruiting Table Returns to Chantilly Gun Show



Proof that the COVID-19 turmoil of the last 15 months might finally be behind us was demonstrated last weekend (June 18-20) when the Chantilly Gun Show returned to full capacity. Part of that return was the VGCA recruiting table. After a long hiatus due to the pandemic, many club members stopped by to visit, renew friendships, and learn about the VGCA's status and plans for the future. The club volunteers did a great job, and recruited 18 new members for the VGCA. That is the most people who applied to join the VGCA at any one Chantilly show.

Many thanks to all those volunteers who spent time at the table, talking to members, educating the public, recruiting new members and setting up or taking down the display. They did a phenomenal job. Our thanks go out to: Marc Gorelick, George Dungan, Keith Simmons, Claus Marzen, Gabe Leyva, Sydney Rodda, Phil Hill, Joe Roberts and Jim Ashing.

The gun displayed on the table during the weekend was a Swedish Model 1864/68/85 Artillery Carbine in 12.17x44 caliber that was on loan from the a member's collection (*below*). This historic rolling block carbine started life as a Swedish Model 1860 muzzle loader that was converted to a Model 1860/68 Rolling Block Rifle and then converted again to a carbine.



The next Chantilly show is scheduled for July 23 to 25 and we will need volunteers to help recruit new members. Member George Dungan is coordinating the July VGCA table, so if you are interested in volunteering for a half day shift (or more), please contact George at george@eccominv.com or (571) 243-6387. Remember, those who man the table get into the show for free and with multiple people on each shift, there should be plenty of time to walk around and spend money!



GUNS OF DISTINCTION

CLAUDE BOUCHET .577 TYRANNOSAUR: *Fit to hunt a dinosaur*

By Marc Gorelick

Photographs of rifle courtesy of Joh. Springers Erben, Vienna, Austria



If you are looking for a truly unique double rifle that is fit to take dinosaurs (or any modern large and dangerous game alive today), the Claude Bouchet .577 Tyrannosaur double side by side rifle fits the bill. This one-of-a-kind monster was built by French master gunsmith Claude Bouchet as a hobby project. Taking more than three years to build by hand, it incorporates many of Bouchet's firearms innovations. Bouchet himself executed all the engravings and decorations.



Weighing 23.15 pounds (10.5kg) unloaded, this massive gun is a hammerless sidelock with integral bridles and with the receiver metal extending back to the narrow portion of the wrist. The large amount of receiver metal provides plenty of bright metal surface for deeply engraved ornamental foliate scroll patterns surrounding panels containing a menagerie of game animals done in Bulino-style engraving. The Tyrannosaur shares a feature with Boucher's other rifles in that there are no exposed pins in the action plates to detract from the lavish engraving, only a hidden wrench or socket screw in a trap for disassembly of the locks. There is a large carved lever on the right side.



Right side with lever and bulino-style engraving of black rhinoceros, crocodile and lion.



Enlargement of right side action plate engraving.

Bouchet's decorative and bulino-style engraving is truly an artistic masterpiece: an African elephant herd with antelopes in front of Mount Kilimanjaro on the left side, black rhinoceros, a Nile crocodile and a male lion on the right side, leopards on the action bottom, and cape buffalo on the tang., signed "*Grave par Claude Bouchet 2000*". The gun is also inscribed "*Fait par Claude Bouchet a Flamarens .577 Tyrannosaur*", on the rib to the rear of the Bouchet –designed adjustable rear express sight.



Above and below - Left side plate with engraving of an elephant herd, other game and Mt. Kilimanjaro



Made of the finest select French Bastogne walnut, the sturdy stock positively glows. The pronounced pistol grip has a carved steel cap. The stock and broad beavertail forend is carved with fish-scale patterns instead of normal checkering. Given the recoil of the .577 cartridge, the receiver and stock junctions are rebated to prevent the wood from splintering, the stock being tapered and held tight to the receiver by a sturdy stock bolt.



Above and below - Top view showing engraving of a Cape Buffalo.



The Tyrannosaur has many unique features including the mechanical non-selective single trigger that is set in precisely-fitted pivoting blocks that eliminate all side-to-side play. On the first pull, the trigger unlocks the right sear by rotating its block out of place without perceptible movement, while simultaneously dislodging the sear from its purchase on the tumbler or striker; upon release, an internal mechanism would switch over to operate the other lifter and then on the second pull the process would be repeated for the other lock. The blocked sears only allow the left tumbler to drop after the right lock has been engaged, thus the rifle is unable to double-fire and can only be fired by deliberate release of the trigger. The 23.2 inch (59cm) long barrels are milled from a single solid billet of chrome-molybdenum steel and the full length rib is integral to the billet. The bores are polished and rifled by hand. The gun also has extractors but no ejectors. To remove the forend from the gun the Anson-type push rod first has to be unlocked by unscrewing a knurled sleeve. This is to prevent it coming loose due to the recoil. The rifle is registered at 80 meters.

This strong heavy rifle was built to handle a powerful cartridge that throws a heavy bullet. The .577 Tyrannosaur or .577 T-Rex (14.9×76mm) is a very large and powerful cartridge that was developed by A-Square in 1993 for their Hannibal bolt action rifle to meet a requirement from professional guides in Zimbabwe for a cartridge that has the stopping power to drop charging dangerous game in their tracks. The rimless, bottleneck cartridge is 3.710 inches long. When fired, the .577 Tyrannosaur's .585 inch (14.9mm) diameter, 750-grain monolithic solid bullet moves at 2,480 ft/s (760m/s) producing 10,240 foot-pounds force or 13,880 joules of muzzle energy - enough to stop a small dinosaur. During tests the

cartridge developed 175 foot pounds of recoil in the 13 pound the A-Square Hannibal rifle, which had 3 mercury recoil reducers in the stock.



Above and below – bottom of rifle. Note the carved steel cap on the pistol grip, the deep exquisite scroll rocaille carving on the triggerguard, lever and action, and the bulino-style engraving of leopards.



.577 Tyrannosaur cartridge developed by A-Square for their Hannibal bolt action rifle. The rimless cartridge is over 3.7 inches long and was designed to handle charging large dangerous game. Photo – Thetophe, GNU Free

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Unfortunately, Claude Bouchet made only a few guns before his death in 2020 at age 75. They were all made for his own personal use and enjoyment, and each of his unique handmade rifles took several years to complete. Each of them is an artistic masterpiece in wood and steel. The Claude Bouchet .577 Tyrannosaur was offered by the prestigious house of Joh. Springers Erben in Vienna, Austria at their 30th Classic Auction. The starting price was \$54,738 (45,000 euros).

Editor's note: If a double barrel in .577 Tyrannosaur caliber is still not quite enough gun for you – check out the next rifle in our double-feature!



GILES WHITTOME TWO-BORE DINO

By Marc Gorelick

Photos courtesy of Joh. Springer's Erben, Vienna, Austria

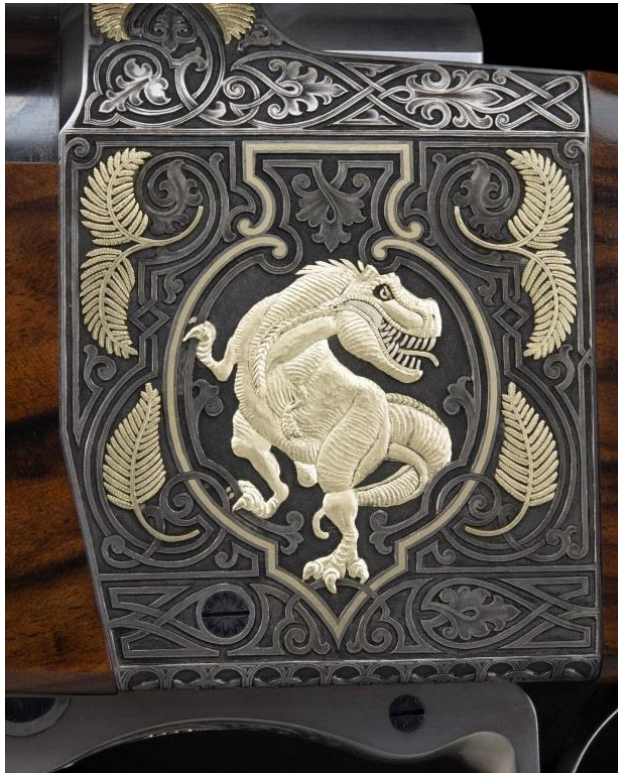


Some guns were made for luxury collections and not for hunting or shooting. The Giles Whittome Two-bore Dino is definitely one of them. Recently offered by Joh. Springer's Erben of Vienna Austria, this is one of the rarest and most powerful sporting rifles in the world. It is one of only three such arms produced by British Best Quality gunmaker Giles Whittome and the other two are already part of prominent collections.



Defined by its monstrous 2-bore, or 1.314 inch, caliber, this extraordinary dangerous game rifle fires a 2,500 grain lead bullet with 20 drams of black powder. Despite its 27 pound weight the fierce recoil has been described as being dangerous to the shooter. The famous British explorer and hunter, Sir Samuel

White Baker (1821-1893) describes firing a 2-bore rifle: *“The recoil was so fierce that I was spun around like a weathercock in a hurricane. I was really afraid of my own rifle, although I am used to heavy calibres and stout recoil for some years. None of my men could fire it, and it was treated with greatest respect.”*



Despite its impracticality, this falling block action, single shot rifle itself is an artistic masterpiece. The stock is made of the finest Circassian walnut with a breathtaking grain. The action, lock plate, external hammer, triggerguard, lever and furniture have deep, elaborate and sharp chiseled engraving. Both sides of the action and the lockplate are decorated with gold inlaid depictions of Tyrannosaurus Rex and a gold Tyrannosaurus's eye glares from the flat Nock's Form at the top of the barrel. There are also delicate gold inlaid prehistoric ferns decorating much of the metal.





★ Other News! ★

★ **Membership Chairman's Report – June 2021:**

New Members: There are no new members to announce this month.

New Applications for Membership: Thanks to the just concluded June 18, 19 and 20th Chantilly Gun Show, and the efforts of the VGCA Membership Recruitment Table volunteers led by Marc Gorelick, as well as VGCA tableholders, there is a large group of new prospective members this month.

- **Michael A. Cannon** of Ashburn, VA is sponsored by **Marc Gorelick**
- **Christopher T. Davids** of Clifton, VA is sponsored by **Keith Simmons**
- **Alexis Dorner** of Alexandria, VA is sponsored by **Marc Gorelick**
- **Fernando Enriquez** of Vienna, VA is sponsored by **Marc Gorelick**
- **Joseph Fasceski** of Sterling, VA is sponsored by **Marc Gorelick**
- **Jay Forman** of Vienna, VA is sponsored by **Keith Simmons**
- **David H. Goforth** of Riner, VA is sponsored by **Claus Marzen**
- **Kevin Golshani** of Arlington, VA is sponsored by **Joe Roberts**
- **Kevin Peirce Henderson** of McLean, VA is sponsored by **Marc Gorelick**
- **Karl Kautz** of Fairfax, VA is sponsored by **Marc Gorelick**
- **Dan Keating** of Herndon, VA is sponsored by **Joe Roberts**
- **Matthew J. Lang** of Reston, VA is sponsored by **Phil Hill** and **Dave Litchfield**
- **Don Loren** of Alexandria, VA is sponsored by **Phil Hill**
- **Andrew Nedelka** of Springfield, VA is sponsored by **Marc Gorelick**
- **Seth Nicola** of Manassas, VA is sponsored by **Marc Gorelick**
- **George Christopher Pagels** of Lorton, VA is sponsored by **Phil Hill**
- **Kenny Smith** of Ashburn, VA is sponsored by **Marc Gorelick**
- **Benjamin Turner** of Bristow, VA is sponsored by **Keith Simmons**

Thanks to the applicants for their interest in the Virginia Gun Collectors Association and to their sponsors for promoting the Association and keeping the membership growing during this hiatus of formal VGCA activity.

If there are any comments or questions on any applicant, please notify an Officer or Director, and the Membership Chair before July 20, 2021. For questions, please email **Bill Chronister, Membership Chair** at vgca_membership@cox.net or call me at 703-204-0138.

Notice to New Member Sponsors: The Virginia Gun Collectors Association **WILL** repeat the Membership Recruitment Table at the July 2021 Nation's Gun Show presented by Showmasters, at the Chantilly Expo Center. If you have prospective members, or know of individuals having an interest in VGCA, please bring them to the table or let them know about the table. New members are our best resource for growing the VGCA.

VGCA will be discontinuing hard copy versions of the VGCA Newsletters at a future date. *Please make sure your prospective applicants include a legible email address and telephone contact number* if at all possible. Without an email address new members will NOT receive any newsletters or VGCA announcements.

Membership Numbers: There are now currently 412 Life members, and 100 Annual Members, for a total of 512 members in the Virginia Gun Collectors Association, Inc.

Annual Membership extensions: The VGCA Executive Committee extended all 2020 Annual Memberships until December 31, 2021. All Annual Members have been sent their 2021 Validation Stickers that are good until 12/31/2021. Please watch the newsletters for 2022 dues and Life Membership upgrade payment information.

Bill Chronister, Membership Chair



★ ATTENTION MEMBERS: Have you the authored a book/magazine article, or published research on Firearms, Gun Collecting, History, or related subjects?

The VGCA is fortunate to have a diverse membership with a large amount of expertise, experience, and knowledge! If you are - or know any member who is - a published author or researcher, please know that the Virginia Gun Collectors Association, Inc. wants to feature your works on the VGCA website, at gun shows, in the VGCA newsletters (see the FOR SALE section of this newsletter), and/or at VGCA meetings. We also invite you to consider giving a presentation on your works at one of our meetings. If you have any questions or wish to be included, please direct any information, including titles, publishing information, or contact information to: Bill Chronister, Membership Chairman at vgca_membership@cox.net or at home on 703-204-0138.





CMP UPDATE

By Marc Gorelick, CMP Liaison

The VGCA is a CMP Affiliated club. The VGCA club number is 026160.

CMP AMMUNITION WARNING

The CMP advises shooters to not use .30-06 ammunition in M1 Garands, 1903s, and 1903A3s that is loaded beyond 50,000 CUP and has a bullet weight of more than 172-174gr. These rifles are at least 70 years old and were not designed for today's maximum loads and super heavy bullets. Always wear hearing and eye protection when firing an M1 Garand, 1903 and/or 1903A3 rifle.



CMP M-1 GARAND RIFLE SALES

According to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the U.S. Army and the Civilian Marksmanship Program, M1 Garands will be limited to eight per customer per calendar year. The CMP considers any item containing an M1 Garand receiver with a serial number to be an M1 Garand and will count towards the M1 Garand rifle limit.

The CMP's rifle inventory is limited at this time due to the CMP's backlog of orders and the shutdown due to COVID-19. The CMP stores were stocked before the shutdown and the CMP did not pull the stock back because it would slow all processes. The CMP hopes to open up rifle types again once it has restocked its inventory and processed the majority of its backorders.

Most CMP M1 rifles have been arsenal rebuilt, refinished, rebarreled, or repaired at least once and often several times. Most will show signs of service (sometimes considerable) and will show replacement of various parts. They are seldom encountered with all original parts and original finish as delivered from the manufacturer. Such "original" rifles, even in well-used condition, are highly prized by collectors.

Every M1 Garand rifle sold by CMP is an authentic U.S. Government rifle that has been inspected, headspaced, repaired if necessary and test fired for function. Each rifle is shipped with a safety manual, one eight-round clip and an empty chamber safety flag. Orders are filled on a first-come first serve basis and rifles of all grades are packed for shipment purely by "luck of the draw". Prices are subject to change. If the CMP changes the price after an order has been received, it will notify customers before the new prices are charged. All rifles other than plugged drill rifles are shipped in a hard case. The CMP provides free shipping except to PO Boxes. For further information about M1 Garand sales, availability, ordering information and eligibility requirements, go to the CMP website at: <https://thecmp.org/sales-and-service/m1-garand/>.

NATIONAL MATCHES AND GLOCK NATIONAL CHALLENGE

This year the CMP National Matches will be held from July 11 to August 14 at the Camp Perry National Guard Training Facility in Port Clinton, Ohio. The GLOCK Shooting Sports Foundation (GSSF) and the CMP have scheduled the GSSF-CMP National Challenge, for July during the CMP National Pistol Matches.



This year's GLOCK match will feature two days of competition, starting Saturday, July 17, and ending Sunday, July 18, 2021. Guests may sign up for more than one relay in one of three divisions: Stock, Unlimited or Rimfire. The match is designed to accommodate seasoned competitors as well as those new to competition shooting, with five different 10-shot series from 5, 7, 10, 15 and 25 yards. All shots on target are scored, and no penalties will be given for missed or unfired shots.

Participants must be members of the GSSF in order to compete in the event. Register for membership online at <http://www.gssfonline.com/registration.cfm> or upon registration for the match through the CMP. Any GLOCK may be used during competition, with the exceptions of G36, G42 and G43 model pistols.

For more info about the GLOCK National Challenge Match, including registration and classification explanations, visit the CMP website at <https://thecmp.org/cmp-matches/glock-gssf-national-challenge/> or contact CMP Competitions at competitions@thecmp.org or (419) 635-2141, ext. 714 or 706.

For more information about the National Matches, including schedules, registration and entry forms, go to the CMP website at: <https://thecmp.org/competitions/matches/cmp-national-matches/>.



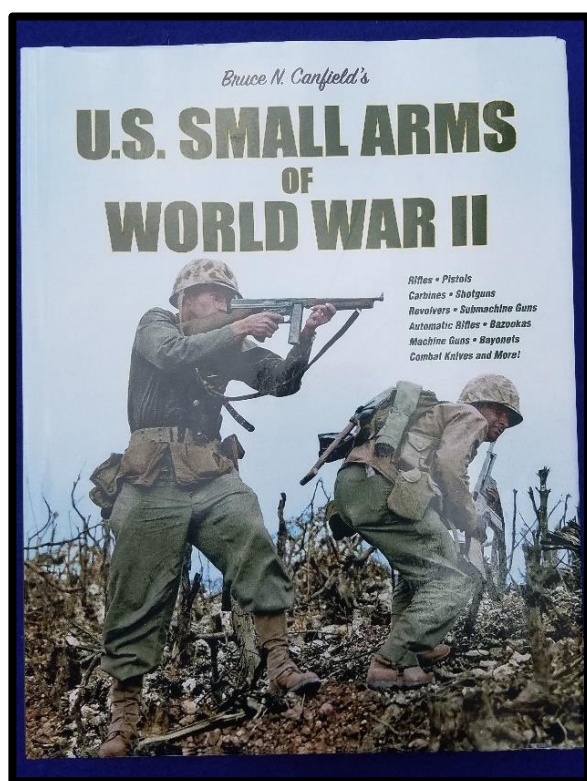
★ In Review ★

The “In Review” section to the newsletter includes VGCA member reviews of guns shows, books, and museums. If you would like to submit a review, please send it to the editor at rpebecker@verizon.net.

BOOK

U.S. SMALL ARMS OF WORLD WAR II **Written by Bruce N. Canfield**

Review by Rob Becker



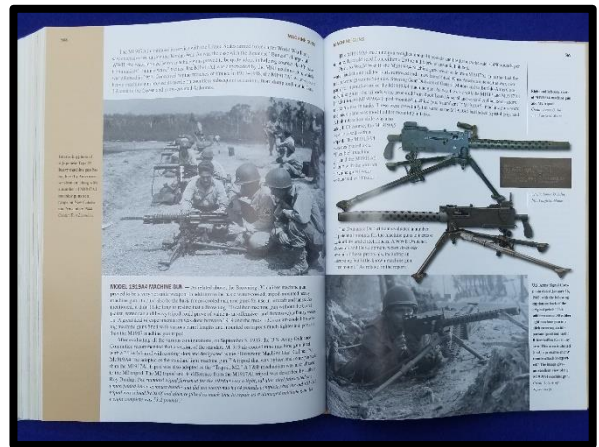
I recently purchased Bruce N. Canfield’s latest book entitled **U.S. SMALL ARMS OF WORLD WAR II**. If this subject sounds vaguely familiar, that is because Mr. Canfield first published **U.S. INFANTRY WEAPONS OF WORLD WAR II** in 1994. While his earlier book at 300 pages is an impressive tome in its own right, his latest work is more than just an updated version. It includes 14 chapters on the following subjects:

1. Edged Weapons
2. Handguns
3. Rifles
4. .30 Caliber Carbines
5. Shotguns
6. Submachine Guns
7. Automatic Rifles
8. Machine Guns (*sample photo below*)
9. Anti-Tank Rifles
10. Bazookas
11. Recoilless Rifles
12. Grenades
13. Mortars
14. Flamethrowers

This book is over 850 pages of wonderfully illustrated knowledge – in my mind, it bridges the gap between a decorative “coffee table book” and reference material, and is equally at home in either genre. The book includes quotes from official period U.S. military tests, correspondence and (perhaps most fascinating) G.I. combat accounts, as well as modern research data. There are over 2100 photographs with a large percentage (close to half by my quick calculation) being archival photographs from the field.

The reason I purchased this book is the first chapter on edged weapons is 140 pages long and the most comprehensive publication on the subject I have ever seen. The other chapters are just as good, and there are even 22 pages of end notes and references.

Bruce Canfield is a noted expert and historian on post-Civil War U.S. arms. He is a Field Editor for *American Rifleman* and Contributor Editor for *Man at Arms* magazines. Mr. Canfield has published no less than 13 books and 200 magazine articles. I would be surprised if most of our VGCA members don't already own one or more of his books. If you don't already have a copy of **U.S. SMALL ARMS OF WORLD WAR II**, I cannot recommend it highly enough. It is available from multiple sources on-line for \$90-96. I highly recommend it!



★ Show-n-Tell ★

NOTE – If you would like to feature something new (or old) from your collection in a future VGCA newsletter, please send 1-4 photos, along with a description of the item to rpebecker@verizon.net. A Show-n-Tell Fact Sheet (below) lists the information we would like in order to adequately describe your prized possessions.

VGCA Show-n-Tell Fact Sheet

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____ **Action Type:** _____

Caliber: _____

Years of Production: _____ **Total Produced:** _____

Year this example was manufactured (if known): _____

Significance: _____

Question(s) for members: _____

Name (optional): _____

Where acquired (optional): _____ **When acquired (optional):** _____

Extremely Rare Combination Tool for Ames Model 1842 Navy Box Lock Pistol and Jenks Mule Ear Rifles and Carbines



Member 1 recently acquired this extremely rare 2nd type combination tool that was made for the Ames Model 1842 Navy Box Lock Pistol and the Jenks Mule Ear Rifles and Carbines. The tool and guns were manufactured by the N.P. Ames Company of Springfield, Mass. Although Ames is best known for its swords and other edged weapons, the company also manufactured firearms, and the tools that serviced them.

This is an unusual tool for two reasons: 1) it has a spanner type percussion cone (nipple) wrench, and 2) the triple arms of the tool are round. Round arms were more difficult and costly to make in the 1840's and 1850's. The tool is of polished and blued steel and is marked with a capital "R" at the junction of the three arms, which ended in two

screw driver blades and a nipple wrench. While the tool was originally made for the Model 1842 pistol, it was also used for the Jenks carbines since they both used the Navy spanner-type percussion cone and the dimensions for the percussion cone and screws were the same.



The dimensions of the tool are:

Length of cone wrench arm from opposing center junction notch to end of cone wrench - 2 ¼".

Length of screw driver arms from opposing center junction notch end of arm - 2 ¼".

Width across outside of cone wrench spanner studs - 3/8".

The tool's rarity comes from the fact that only a limited number of these tools were manufactured and only a few survived. A US Navy contract for

the Jenks carbines states that there was to be "one cone key to every ten carbines" and "one screwdriver to each piece." The .54 caliber Ames Model 1842 Navy Box Lock Pistol has the distinction of being the first US martial percussion pistol produced and delivered under contract to the government. Ames manufactured about 2,000 of them from 1842-1847 for the Navy and Revenue Cutter Service and Henry Deringer of Philadelphia made 1,200 identical pistols under Navy contract. Ames also manufactured about 4,250 Jenks "Mule Ear" carbines from 1843-1846 and 1,000 Jenks "Mule Ear" rifles during 1841-1842 for William Jenks's navy contract.



★ 2021 Presentation List ★

DATE	TOPIC	FORMAT	PRESENTER
24 Jun 2021	SKS Carbines	Webinar	Rob Becker
July 2021	No Meeting due to Summer Recess		
26 Aug 2021	SR-25 Type Rifles	Webinar	Bernie Breighner
23 Sep 2021	Art Muskets of the Ottoman Empire	In Person?	Marc Gorelick
28 Oct 2021	Colt Walker Pistols	In Person?	Charlie Pate
November 2021	No Meeting due to our Fall Gun Show (6-7 Nov)		
December 2021	No Meeting scheduled unless NRA Facilities re-open		



★ Upcoming Events and Shows ★

PLEASE NOTE: Gun Shows are in a state of flux as states re-impose restrictions on public gatherings. Members are strongly encouraged to *verify shows before driving to an event.* These dates were verified when this newsletter was written, but are not guaranteed.

VIRGINIA – 2021

- Jun 25-27, 2021 – Richmond, VA - Brook Run Shopping Center – *Showmasters*
- Jul 10-11, 2021 – Richmond, VA - Richmond International Raceway – *Showmasters*
- Jul 17-18, 2021 – Doswell, VA – Meadow Event Park – National Civil War and Antique Arms Show – *North South Trader’s Civil War Magazine*
- Jul 17-18, 2021 – Harrisonburg, VA – Rockingham County Fairgrounds – *Showmasters*
- Jul 17-18, 2021 – Salem, VA – Salem Civic Center – *C&E Gun Shows*
- Jul 23-25, 2021 – Chantilly, VA – Dulles Expo Center – *Showmasters*
- Aug 14-15, 2021 – Hampton, VA – Hampton Roads Convention Center - *SGK*
- Aug 21-22, 2021 – Richmond, VA - Richmond International Raceway – *Showmasters*
- Aug 21-22, 2021 – Roanoke, VA – The Berglund Center – *Showmasters*
- Sep 11-12, 2021 – Hampton, VA – Hampton Roads Convention Center – *SGK*
- Sep 11-12, 2021 – Fishersville, VA – Augusta Expo – *Showmasters*
- Oct 1-3, 2021 – Chantilly, VA – Dulles Expo Center – *Showmasters*

MARYLAND – 2021

- Jul 10-11, 2021 – Timonium, MD – Maryland State Fairgrounds – *Appalachian Promotions*
- Jul 17-18, 2021 – Frederick, MD – Frederick Fairgrounds - *Appalachian Promotions*
- Sep 11-12, 2021 – West Friendship, MD – Howard County Fairgrounds - *Appalachian Promotions*
- Oct 8-10, 2021 – Bel Air, MD – American Legion Harford Post #39 - *American Legion*

PENNSYLVANIA – 2021

- Jun 26-27, 2021 – York, PA – York Fairgrounds - *Appalachian Promotions*
- Jul 10-11, 2021 – Allentown, PA – Allentown Fairgrounds – *Forks of the Delaware Historical Arms Society, Inc.*
- Jul 10-11, 2021 – East Stroudsburg, PA – VFW Post #2540 - *Jaeger Arms*
- Jul 16-17, 2021 – Shipperville, PA – Oak Grove Events Bldg – *Brimstone Arms*
- Jul 31-Aug 1, 2021 – Wind Gap, PA – Plainfield Township Vol Fire Dept – *Eagle Arms*
- Aug 6-7, 2021 – Allentown, PA – ParkView Inn & Conference Center – *Eagle Arms*
- Aug 7-8, 2021 – Harrisburg, PA – PA Farm Show Complex – *C&E Gun Shows*
- Aug 14-15, 2021 – Oaks, PA – Greater Philadelphia Expo Center – *Eagle Arms*
- Aug 14-15, 2021 - Lewis Run, PA – Lewis Run VFD Station 6 – *Lewis Run Vol Fire Dept*
- Aug 21, 2021 – St Thomas, PA – St Thomas Twp Vol Fire – *Izaak Walton League of Franklin County*
- Aug 21-22, 2021 – Monroeville, PA – Monroeville Convention Center - *Showmasters*
- Aug 28-29, 2021 – Lake Harmony, PA – Split Rock Resort – *Eagle Arms*
- Aug 28-29, 2021 – Leesport, PA – Leesport Farmers Market – *Appalachian Promotions*
- Aug 28-29, 2021 – Stroudsburg, PA – Jackson Twp Vol Fire Co. - *Jaeger Arms*
- Sep 4-5, 2021 – Sellersville, PA – Forrest Lodge VFW Hall & Club - *Jaeger Arms*
- Sep 10-12, 2021 – Long Pond, PA – Pocono Raceway – *Tall Timber Tactical*
- Sep 11-12, 2021 – Allentown, PA – ParkView Inn & Conference Center – *Eagle Arms*
- Sep 11-12, 2021 – Benton, PA – Benton Fire Company – *Benton Fire Co.*
- Sep 12, 2021 – Portland, PA – William Pensyl Social Hall – *Portland Hook & Ladder Co. #1*
- Sep 17-18, 2021 – York, PA – York Expo Center – *North-South Traders Civil War Magazine – York Antique Arms Show*
- Sep 18-19, 2021- Centre Hall, PA – Centre County Grange Fairgrounds – *Outdoor Sportsman Club*
- Sep 18-19, 2021 – Gettysburg, PA – Allstar Events Complex – *Eagle Arms*
- Sep 25-26, 2021 – Gettysburg, PA – Redding Auction – *CPAAA – Central Penn Antique Arms Association Show*
- Sep 25-26, 2021 – Morgantown, PA – Morgantown Center – *Eagle Arms*
- Sep 25-26, 2021 – Palmer Township, PA – Charles Chrin Community Center – *Jaeger Arms*
- Sep 25-26, 2021 – Washington, PA – Washington County Fairgrounds – *ARH Sport Shop*
- Sep 25-26, 2021 – West Middlesex, PA – Hidden Valley Sportsmen’s Club - *HVSC*

SPECIAL EVENTS / SHOWS - 2021

- Jul 17-18, 2021 - Wilmington, OH – Roberts Convention Centre – *Ohio Gun Collectors Assoc – featuring the Ruger Owners and Collectors Society*
 - Jul 21-25, 2021 – Louisville, KY – Kentucky Expo Center - *OVMS– Show of Shows*
 - Sep 11-12, 2021 - Wilmington, OH – Roberts Convention Centre – *Ohio Gun Collectors Assoc – featuring the Ruger Owners and Collectors Society*
 - Oct 8-9, 2021 – West Point, KY – Knob Creek Gun Range – *Largest Machine Gun Shoot and Military Gun Show in US! – KCR*
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FOR SALE:

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If you would like to list an item (or items) in the VGCA Newsletter, please send your description, price, and contact information to rpebecker@verizon.net. I must receive your material no later than the second Sunday of the month for it to be included in that month's newsletter. Unless other arrangements are made, items will be listed for one issue of the Newsletter.

FOR SALE:

★ VGCA member Charlie Pate has four books that he has authored for sale, at discounted prices to VGCA members. These include:

- "U.S. Handguns of World War II" - \$45.00
- "The Smith & Wesson American Model" - \$55.00
- "U.S. Military Arms Inspector Marks" - \$45.00
- "The Colt Model 1860 Army Revolver" - \$60.00

If interested, please contact Charlie at usarmsresearch@gmail.com

FOR SALE:

★ After more than two and a half years of research, VGCA member Bill Vanderpool has recently published his book Guns of the FBI. This book is available at GunDigest.com or can be purchased directly from Bill by calling 703-626-2975. He is more than happy to sign a copy for you. Cost is \$50.00.

FOR SALE:

★ VGCA member Larry Babcock recently published a companion piece to his earlier book M1 Garand Photo Essay. This second book, titled M1 Garand Photo Essay Volume II covers all new material, to include the M1C and M1D sniper rifles as well as a myriad of M1 accessories. Best of all, both books are offered at a discount to VGCA members. Volume I is normally priced at \$69 and volume II lists for \$49, VGCA members can buy them directly from Larry for \$60 and \$40 each respectively - or \$90 total if you buy both. Look for Larry Babcock set up near the VGCA recruiting table at the next Chantilly Gun Show or order from him directly at larrybab@comcast.net / 703-856-2561.

FOR SALE:

★ One brand new Box of 50 rounds of Winchester .357 Sig Ammo (125 Grain FMJ). Purchased recently at Green Top by mistake - paid \$50 and will take \$50 for it

If interested, call Joe at 571-278-3297.

FOR SALE:

- ★ VGCA member Terry Philippy offered up this book as a tribute to his mother-in-law:
- **“The Army Air Corps: Branch Immaterial – A World War II Memoir”**

\$16.80 (Amazon) or \$20.95 (Barnes & Noble)

Available on-line at Amazon: https://www.amazon.com/Army-Air-Corps-Branch-Immaterial/dp/164416664X/ref=sr_1_1?crid=3I6NIEYEG74BB&dchild=1&keywords=branch+immaterial&qid=1592941069&srefix=branch+imm%2Caps%2C156&sr=8-1

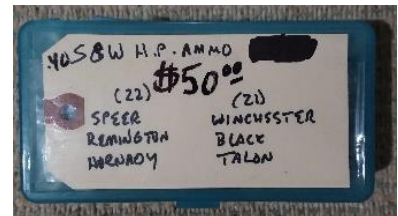
Also available from Barnes and Noble: <https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/the-army-air-corps-colonel-w-g-bonvouloir/1131936753?ean=9781644166642>

FOR SALE:

- ★ **Werndl Model 1867.** Rifle with bayonet/scabbard and 50 cases of virgin .348 Winchester brass to make cartridges. \$1350



- ★ **.40 S&W:** Winchester Black Talon (21 rounds), Speer/Remington/Hornady (22 rounds), mixed 43 rounds total, in an MTM plastic box. \$50.00



- ★ **(4) Bandoliers of Danish .30-06 Ammo** in M1 Garand enblock Clips, 48 rounds per bandolier, manufactured in 1987. \$65.00 each. Photo at right shows crate the bandoliers came in. Only 4 bandoliers left!



- ★ **Madsen Model 50 30-round 9mm Magazine.** \$75.00



- ★ **7.62x25 Tokarev Ammo.** Eastern Bloc surplus spam can w/ 1224 rounds (dated 1984). \$600 (Note – recent online sales have the spam can priced at \$800 and up).

- ★ **Remington 8mm Mauser Ammo.** 170 gr Core-Lokt. One box. \$25.00

- ★ **Hornady .450 Nitro Express Ammo.** 3 ¼” 450 grain DGX. \$100

Prices firm. Contact Jack for details at looney.house@verizon.net



For Sale: A.E.G. M-14

Bought for photo shoot, never fired. With Charger, Battery. Magazine, Mag Loader, & Assorted pellets

\$150.00

Text name & phone number to **703-999-9458**
with message **"AEG M14"** & I will call you back.

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WANT TO BUY:

★ Member Joe Carson of Stafford, VA is looking to buy an Enfield No. 4 Mk I or No. 4 Mk I* manufactured by Long Branch. He is looking for VG-Excellent condition rifle that he can use as a shooter. If you have one for sale, please contact Joe at joe31968@yahoo.com

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