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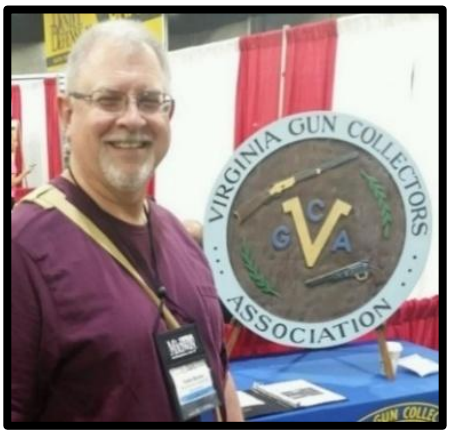
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August 2026 VGCA Newsletter



PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Summer is rapidly nearing its end and our VGCA Fall calendar is just as rapidly approaching. But before that happens, we have lots of news to announce.

First, it is my pleasure to announce that Wes Chappell was elected by the VGCA Executive Committee to serve the remainder of George Dungan's term as our Vice President. Wes has previously served in the capacity and I, for one, am extremely happy to see him return. Congratulations, Wes!

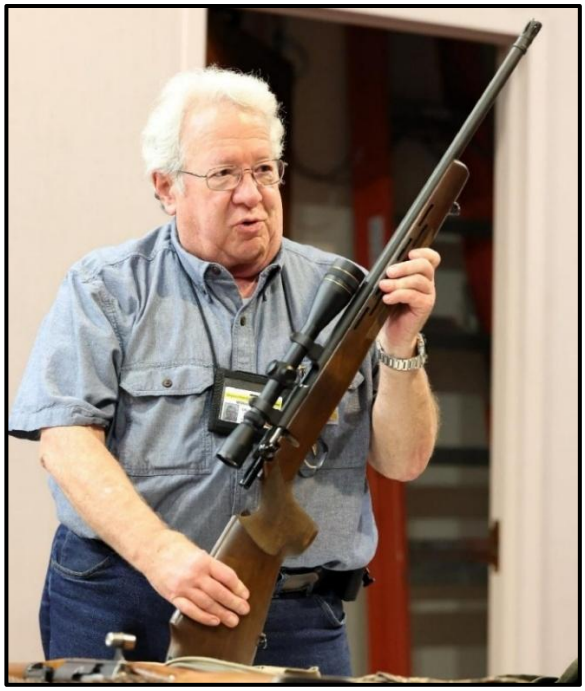
Next, as was confirmed last month, our field trip to the Smith & Wesson factory in Maryville, Tennessee is set for Friday, October 16th. There are still seven spots available for this trip, so if you are interested in participating please let me know. A sign-up sheet will also be passed around at our next two membership meetings.

Speaking of membership meetings, our July expanded "Show-n-Tell" with the theme of "Guns for Which I Paid Too Much" was a great success. Thank you to all the members who shared their stories – some being cautionary tales of "buyer beware" and others being examples of wanting a particularly rare or valuable specimen a little too much. We will vote on next year's theme at our August and September membership meetings.

Finally, our August meeting will be this Thursday, August 27th. Member Peter Kalis will give a presentation on the "Guns of Video Games and Movies" which should be entertaining! I hope to see you there!

Rob Becker, **VGCA President**

✪ July Expanded Show-n-Tell Theme: Guns for Which I Paid Too Much!



Ten members shared items from their collections that met the criteria of our Show-n-Tell theme. Member 1 started off by sharing a pair of Swiss rifles. The first was a Krico 340S Mini-Sniper Target Rifle (*left*). This bolt action in .22 Long Rifle Match comes with a 5-Shot detachable magazine. It was produced from 1982 through 1988 and was imported by Beeman Precision Arms of San Rafael, CA. Features include:
- Non-Glare walnut wood stock with a ventilated long forearm, a Wunheimer swell on the pistol grip and raised cheekpiece
- No sights, a match trigger, and matte metal finish
- Military style barrel with HK33 flash hider/muzzle break

Production and importation was discontinued in 1988. This rifle is heralded as the rimfire version of the Krico 640S Super-Sniper. It was part of the Krico 640 Sniper Series of rifles made in .222, .223, .243 and 308. This 340S example was made in 1983 and cost more than Member 1's M1D!

Member 1's second rifle was a Swiss Karabiner 31 (K31) Privat Series (*right*). This straight pull bolt action was made by Waffenfabrik Bern and is chambered in 7.5x55 Swiss (GP-11). The Privat Series was produced from 1933 until 1958 at a time when the Schmidt-Rubin K31 was the standard issue rifle of the Swiss Military. Switzerland is a nation of marksmen where they conduct regional and national Schutzenfest or shooting festivals with issued service rifles. The Privat Series rifles are identical to the issued service arms and were produced for use in these matches. They are identified by a "P" or P. prefix to the serial number. K31s were initially manufactured with walnut stocks, though military production switched to beech stocks in the mid-1940s. Privat series rifles have a dark walnut stock as the walnut is more stable than beech under the heat of match shooting.



This particular gun has a silver inlay on the stock installed by a previous owner or gunsmith. In addition to the standard 7.5 Swiss caliber, these rifles were also chambered in .308, .30-06 and .300 Magnum with the latter being a single shot due to caliber length. The rifle appears brand new and wears a traditional Swiss-made Leather woven sling. It was made in 1952 and features an un-issued military walnut stock from the early 1940s.



Member 2 brought in an MP-5 Clone chambered in 9x19 (*left*). This was manufactured from a parts kit by a small firm in Texas. This semi-auto specimen featured wood furniture (stock and foregrip) which is unusual for MP-5 firearms – both original Heckler & Koch (HK) and its clones. The firearm takes standard MP-5 magazines and operates well, though it lacks general accuracy.

The HK MP5 (German: Maschinenpistole 5, literally 'Submachine gun 5') is a submachine gun developed in the 1960s by German firearms manufacturer Heckler & Koch. It uses a similar modular design to the HK G3, and has over 100 variants and clones, including select fire, semi-automatic, suppressed, compact and even marksman variants. The MP5 is one of the most widely used submachine guns in the world, having been adopted by over forty nations and numerous militaries, police forces, intelligence agencies, security organizations, paramilitaries and non-state actors. The MP5 gained notoriety in 1980 during the Iranian Embassy siege, when British Army Special Air Service operatives used MP5s to assault the embassy and rescue the hostages held inside.

Member 3 shared a Ruger Blackhawk Single Action Revolver (*right*). Typically available with two cylinders – one chambered in .357 Magnum and the other in 9mm Parabellum - this example has had the latter cylinder rechambered for .357/44 Bobcat. The .357/44 is a wildcat cartridge designed by pistol smith Keith Davis of the Bain & Davis Gunshop, San Gabriel, California in 1964. The cartridge consisted of a .44 Magnum necked down to .357 caliber and produced impressive velocities.

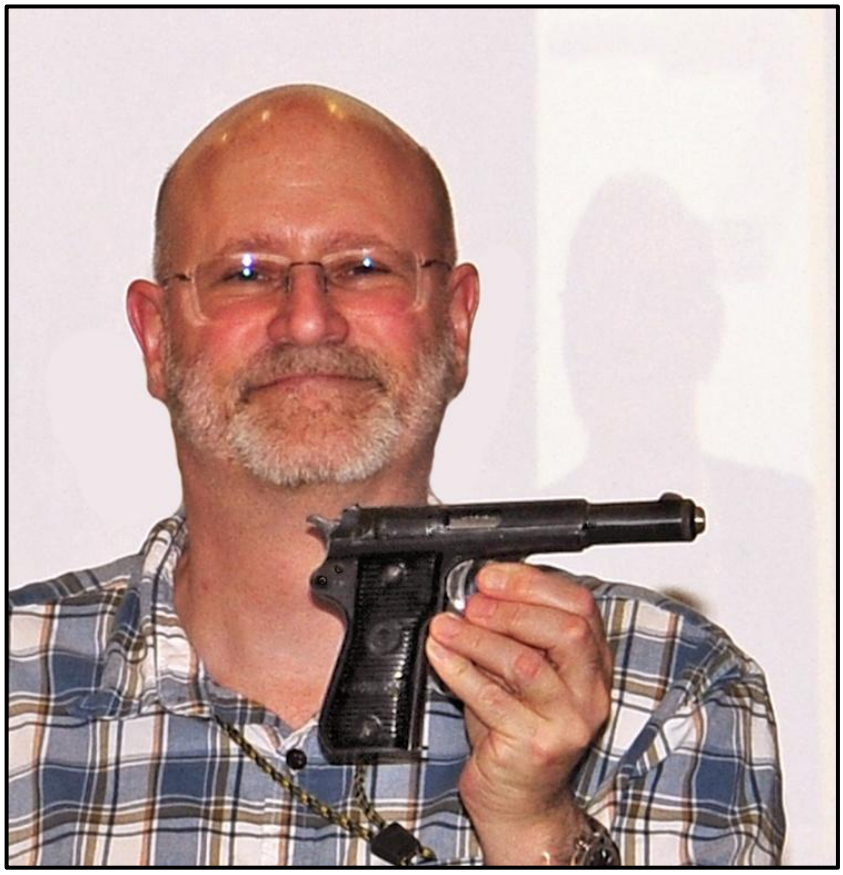
The revolver was made in 1973. The high cost associated with this handgun comes from the fact it was inherited from Member 3's brother-in-law.

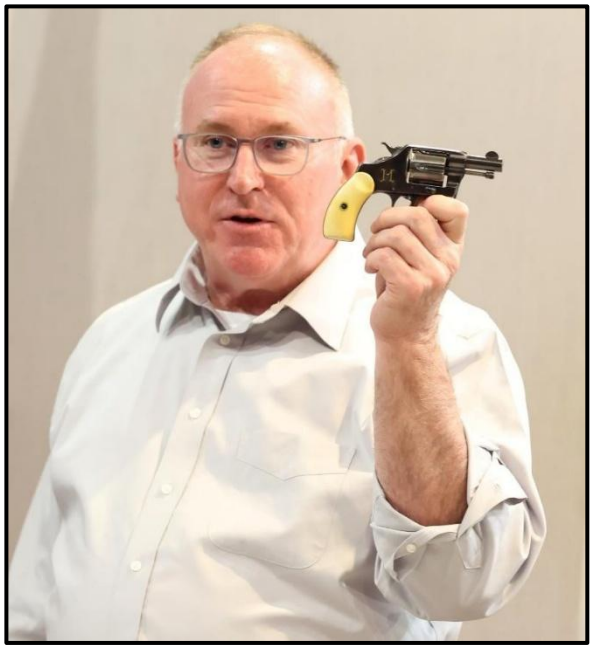


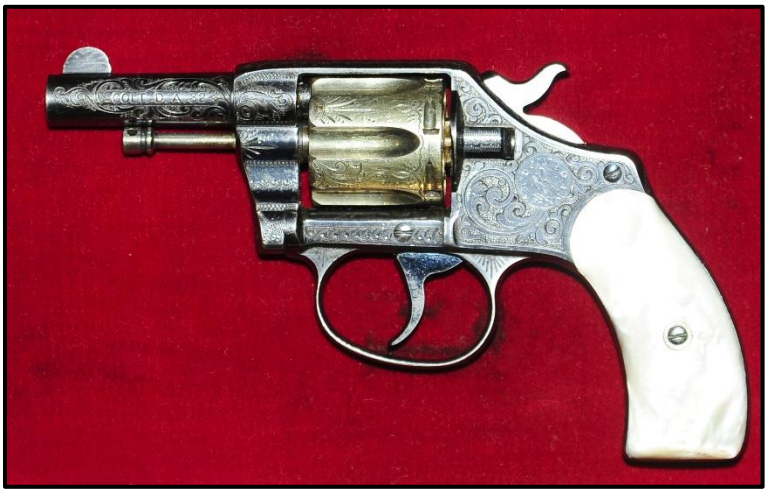


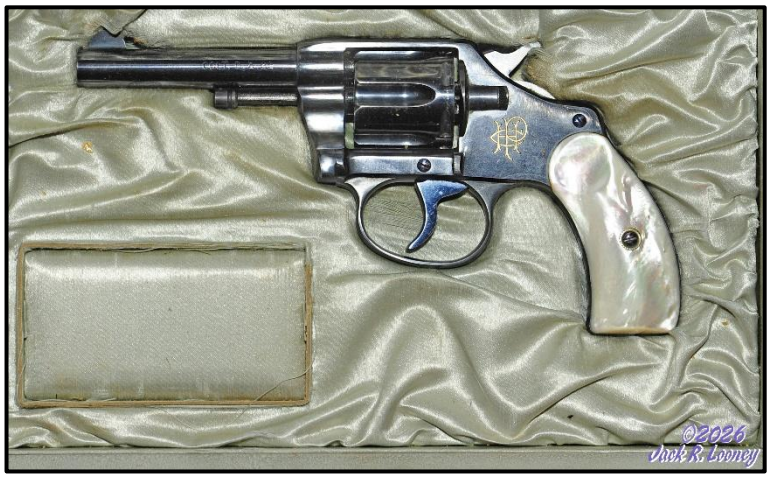
Member 4 shared two firearms that met the criteria of our theme. The first was a Fabrique Nationale FAL Battle Rifle (*left*). Chambered in 7.62x51 NATO, this FAL was built by DSA and has a Type 1 Imbel receiver sand cut with grooves to channel dust and dirt form the action. Designated SA58, this specimen has its original carry handle, a long barrel, and full stock.

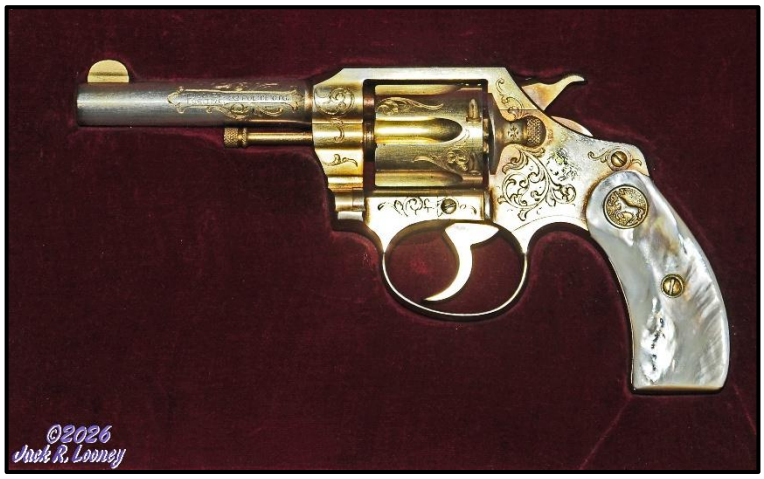
Member 4 also brought in a Spanish Astra Condor Modell 800 Pistol (*right*). These were made for commercial sales only during1958–1969 and had an exposed hammer (different from other Astra Models like the 400 and 600 with enclosed hammers). The Model 800 had an 8 round magazine and this example included a period holster. The Model 800 is considered relatively rare with only 2000 being imported to the US, which is why it commands a high price.











Member 5 brought in four spectacular Colt revolvers, all with factory engraving and factory gold and silver embellishments! The first was Colt New Pocket chambered in .32 Colt (*top right*). It has a 2 ½ inch barrel and round butt. It is one of 15 documented factory gold-embellished New Pockets shipped.

Second is a New Pocket with a 3 ½ inch barrel and gold monogram (*right center*). Also chambered in .32 Colt, it went to a Hartford Theater owner.

Third is another New Pocket with a 2 ½ inch barrel, factory ivory grips, and an unknown monogram (*above*).

The last Colt is a gold-washed (as opposed to a gold plate) Pocket Positive (*bottom right*) with a 3 ½ inch barrel. It was shipped to China in September 1933.



In 1977, Member 6 bought what he thought was a British William IV-era musket dated 1835 (*left*). It turned out to be a "Bannerman Special" assembled in the 1930s or 1940s from surplus parts. The lock is indeed period British, but the .577 caliber barrel may have originally been percussion and the barrel bands are U.S. in origin.



Member 7 shared an FN SCAR-16S (*right*). This semi-auto rifle is chambered in 5.56mm NATO and was produced in 2008. This gun is one featured in the video game "Call of Duty" and is a high-quality modern battle rifle. The FN SCAR (SOF (Special Operations Forces) Combat Assault Rifle) is a family of gas-operated short-stroke gas piston automatic rifles developed by Belgian manufacturer FN Herstal in 2004. It is constructed with modularity for the United States Special Operations Command to satisfy the requirements of the SCAR competition. This family of rifles consists of two main types. The SCAR-L (L for "light") is chambered in 5.56×45mm NATO and the SCAR-H (H for "heavy") is chambered in 7.62×51mm NATO. Both types are available in Close-Quarters Combat (CQC), Standard (STD), and Long Barrel (LB) variants.

Since 2008, FN Herstal has been offering semi-automatic versions of the SCAR rifles for commercial and law enforcement use. These are dubbed the 16S (Light) and 17S (Heavy), and are manufactured in Belgium, and imported by FN Herstal's U.S. subsidiary, FN America of Fredericksburg, Virginia. FN America slightly modifies the rifles (supplying a U.S. made magazine and machining a pin in the magazine well) to be in compliance with U.S. Code before selling them.



Member 8 brought in a Sig Sauer FLUX (*above*). Chambered in in 9x19 caliber (9mm Parabellum) with a 6-inch barrel and a 4-inch slide, this enhanced pistol set-up is based on the Sig Sauer P365 platform. The firearm includes a Sig Romeo X Red Dot. The firearm has a spring-loaded stabilizing brace as well as 2-17 round magazines and one 25 round magazine.



This complete rig now meets the criteria for an "assault firearm" as defined under the newly enacted (though currently under court injunction) Virginia Law. Beyond that, per Member 8, "it is a lot of fun to shoot!"



Member 9 shared an unusual starter pistol/tear gas gun believed to be of European (Italian?) origin (*left*). This fascinating "pistol" – actually, despite its appearance it is a non-firearm - drew much conversation and speculation among the meeting attendees with some having seen similar pistols over the years. Often used as a starter pistol for sporting events, it shoots tiny .22 rimfire blanks. Member 9 bought this in 1968 for way too much money to help out the widow of a friend.

Member 10 also brought in an FN FAL/L1A1 Battle Rifle (*right*). Similar to Member 3's FAL, it is built on an Imbel receiver, but in this case from a Portuguese parts kit.



During the Cold War, the FAL was adopted by many countries of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), with the notable exception of the United States (though it was tested against the M14). It is one of the most widely used rifles in history, having been built in 15 countries and fielded by more than 90. It received the title "the right arm of the free world". It is chambered in 7.62×51mm NATO, although originally designed for the intermediate .280 British. The FAL operates by means of a gas-operated action very similar to that of the Soviet SVT-40. The gas system is driven by a short-stroke, spring-loaded piston housed above the barrel, and the locking mechanism is tilting breechblock, similar to the Soviet SKS or French MAS-49. The gas system is fitted with a gas regulator behind the front sight base, allowing adjustment of the gas system. The FAL's detachable box magazine capacity ranges from five to 30 rounds, with the vast majority (like the seen here) holding 20 rounds.



One last item shared by a member was a Palmetto State Armory's recent clone of the Department of Energy Colt Model 633 Submachine Gun (*above*). This version is a semi-automatic pistol chambered in 9x19 (9mm Parabellum). It takes Colt-style 20 and 32-round stick magazines and the front sight can fold down. It replicates the firearms used by DOE personnel to protect nuclear sites and materials.

✪ Did You Know…

The Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) has recently announced that they will be selling surplus M14s that have been converted to semi-automatic only? For details, see this month's CMP Update on page 26.

✪ Next Membership Meeting: August 27th

Presentation: "Guns in Video Games and Media" by Peter Kalis

Location: NRA HQ Basement Auditorium

Our August VGCA Membership Meeting will be in the basement auditorium of the NRA Headquarters. We will start with a social hour at 6 p.m. and the meeting will start at 7 p.m. As usual, we will have pizza and soft drinks for your dining pleasure! We hope you can make it!

✪ 2026-2027 Presentation & Event List

MEETING DATE	TOPIC	PRESENTER
27 Aug 2026	Guns in Video Games and Media	Peter Kalis
24 Sep 2026	Mini-presentations (each ~15-20 minutes long)	
	Waffenmuseum Suhl	Clayton Vieg
	Japanese Type 89 "Knee Mortar"	Shannon Zeigler
	Japanese Type 100 Grenade Launcher	Rob Becker
16 Oct 2026	Field Trip to Smith & Wesson Factory, Maryville, Tennessee	
22 Oct 2026	Beretta 92 – Part II	Lou DiGaetano
7-8 Nov 2026	VGCA Fall Gun Show	
Nov 2026	No Meeting due to Fall Gun Show & Thanksgiving Holiday	
12 Dec 2026 (Sat)	Holiday Potluck & Annual Swap Meet – No Presentation	
23 Jan 2027 (Sat)	The AR180	Shannon Zeigler
27 Feb 2027 (Sat)	Italian Bren Machinegun	Lou DiGaetano

If you have any presentation suggestions or would like to make a presentation yourself – please contact Chris Britton or any officer or director.

✪ Watch the August Meeting from Home

As has been our recent practice, we will be broadcasting our June meeting via the free internet service JITSI. You can join via your phone through the app or via your browser on the computer. Neither requires an account. All you need to join a JITSI meeting is a link, like the one below. Simply click the link.

Click the following link to join the meeting: https://meet.jit.si/vgca-august2026

You will be asked to enter your name. You can enter your actual name or use a pseudonym. It will then prompt you to allow access to camera and microphone, which you also do not need to gain access to the meeting. Then click "Join" – it is as simple as that!

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"Americans have the right and advantage of being armed — unlike the citizens of other countries whose governments are afraid to trust the people with arms."

James Madison, often referred to as the "Father of the Constitution"



✪ July Meeting Notes

The VGCA July Membership meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President Rob Becker. Member Wes Chappell led the 35 members and guests present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Unfortunately, we were once again unable to establish a Wi-Fi connection and could not share the meeting via jit.si. New members and guests were introduced.

Rob announced the unexpected passing of VGCA Vice President George Dungan on July 5th. Members shared their memories of George and his many contributions to our organization.

Rob described the background behind this meeting – as it is only the second time we have ever met in the month of July. Before last year, we never met in July in order to accommodate members taking a summer vacation. Last year, as an experiment, we had a meeting but without a feature presentation. Instead, we picked a theme and had an expanded Show-n-Tell with attendees bringing in an item (or items) from their collection to match the theme. It turned out to be successful and popular. This meeting is our 2nd annual expanded Show-n-Tell meeting and the theme is "Guns I Paid too Much For".

Rob also announced that we have a confirmed date for our tour of the Smith & Wesson factory. Our tour is set for Friday, October 16th at Maryville, Tennessee. Our group is limited to 20 people altogether (S&W rule) and they must be VGCA members or their immediate family (VGCA rule). The plan is to travel on Thursday, tour the S&W facility on Friday morning, and then visit local gun shops/Smoky Mountain Knife Works for the rest of the day. There is also a gun show in Church Hill, TN that same weekend for those returning to Virginia on either Saturday or Sunday. There has been a proposal to rent a 15-passenger van to split travel costs and drive time and we will gauge participant interest in doing so when we get closer to the actual date.

Director Chris Britton made a pitch for volunteers to give presentations at our membership meetings in 2027 and passed around a sign-up sheet.

Director Lou DiGaetano asked for volunteers to run our audio-visual equipment during our membership meetings. The objective is to have a small pool of people trained in setting up and operating our equipment so one person isn't solely responsible. If you are interested in helping out, please contact any officer or director.

Bryan Pelton announced that there were still a few official VGCA t-shirts (sizes medium and large) available at $10 each.

Finally, Rob mentioned that there are ten states that a designated an official state firearm. As examples, the Texas state firearm is a Colt Walker revolver, Pennsylvania has designated the Pennsylvania Long Rifle, and Utah has selected the Model 1911 pistol as its state firearm in recognition of Utah native John M. Browning. Virginia has not designated a state firearm. In keeping with our chartered objective of increasing gun-collecting knowledge and public appreciation of our national firearms heritage, we are forming a committee to make a recommendation on a suitable firearm to be proposed as the Virginia State Firearm. While prospects are not particularly bright under the current state administration and legislature, this is something the Executive Committee felt we should pursue. Look for more details in the future.

CASIMIR LEFAUCHEUX
AND THE
SEARCH FOR A BETTER BREECHLOADER

A Transitional Pistol from the Years Before the Great Lefaucheux Innovations

By Aaron Newcomer



Pair of early Casimir Lefaucheux breechloading percussion pistols, Paris.
These pistols belong to the formative period of Casimir Lefaucheux's career, when he was still working within the mechanical legacy of Jean Samuel Pauly and Pauly's successors, but was already beginning to modify and improve inherited systems

Born in 1802 in Bonnétable, France, Casimir Lefaucheux emerged from the innovative world shaped by Jean Samuel Pauly and Pauly's successors, where the problems of breechloading arms and integrated cartridges were already being actively explored. In 1827 Lefaucheux acquired the Pauly company in Paris, inheriting not only a business but also a complex technical legacy. His earliest work remained closely tied to the Pauly system, yet even in these transitional years he was already moving beyond imitation and beginning to simplify, adapt, and rethink the practical handling of the arm. These experiments would ultimately lead to the major Lefaucheux advances of the 1830s, including his breechloading system and, later, the pinfire cartridge that would secure his place in firearms history.

This pistol belongs to that early and highly revealing phase. It still retains the Pauly-pattern hinge at the rear of the breech and barrel, preserving the general architecture of the earlier system. But it does not simply repeat the older Pauly or Pauly-successor arrangement. Earlier Pauly-type pistols made in the Lefaucheux period retained the familiar side button that released the barrel to open. Here, Lefaucheux has begun to reconsider the opening and locking method itself. Instead of the earlier side-button release, the barrel is secured from below. A

small safety projects above the trigger guard, and the trigger guard is lifted to disengage the locking catch that holds the barrel closed. That change may seem modest, but it is exactly the sort of incremental mechanical rethinking that marks a maker passing from inherited system to original design.



Earlier Lefaucheux-made Pauly-type pistol with side-button release.
This earlier arrangement preserves the more familiar Pauly-style release system. In this pistol, Lefaucheux retains the hinge concept but reworks how the arm is opened and locked.

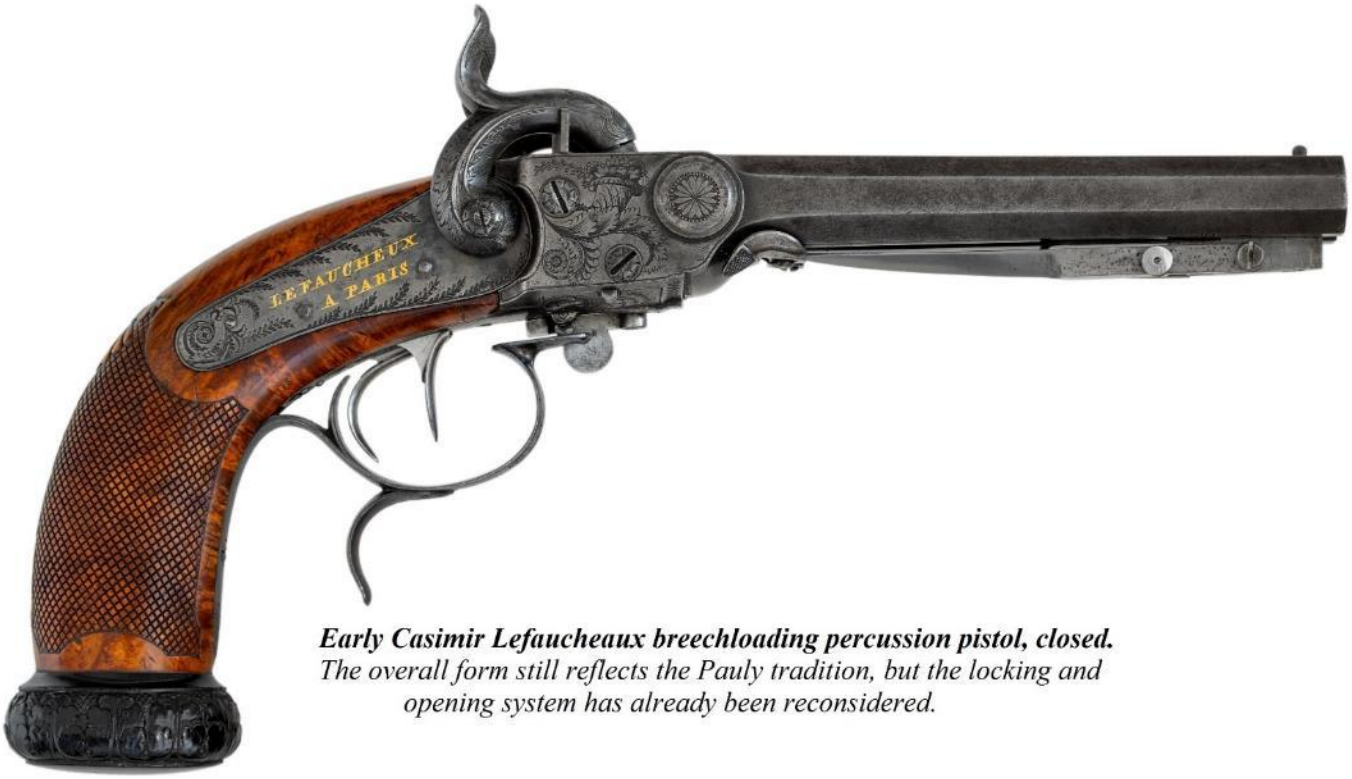
From Pauly Inheritance to Lefaucheux Identity



In that sense, this pistol is historically important not because it is the final answer, but because it captures Lefaucheux in the act of working toward one. It predates the more famous 1833 and 1835 milestones, yet it shows the same inventive habit of mind: studying an existing mechanism, identifying its awkwardness or complexity, and searching for a more elegant way to make the arm function in the user's hand. It stands at the moment when the Pauly inheritance is still clearly visible, but the Lefaucheux identity is beginning to assert itself.

This example is also remarkable as an object of luxury craftsmanship. Beneath the barrel is a concealed spring knife, a striking and unusual feature that adds both mechanical intrigue and theatrical presence. The metal surfaces are covered with extraordinarily fine miniature engraving, executed at a scale that rewards close study. The grip shows dense, beautifully controlled checkering framed by carved leafwork, and the overall finish combines invention with refinement in the distinctly Parisian manner associated with high-grade arms of the period. Whatever first draws the eye, whether the unusual opening system, the hidden blade, or the minute ornamental work, the pistol demonstrates that for Lefaucheux, technical experiment and decorative excellence could exist together in the same object.

LEFT - Grip detail. *Dense checkering, carved leaf borders, and highly figured walnut show the extraordinary finish of this luxury-grade arm.*



Early Casimir Lefaucheaux breechloading percussion pistol, closed.
The overall form still reflects the Pauly tradition, but the locking and opening system has already been reconsidered.



Opened view showing the Pauly-pattern hinge at the rear of the breech and barrel.
The hinge concept remains, but the release system no longer depends on the earlier side button.



Bottom view with concealed spring knife closed.
The spring knife adds a dramatic and highly unusual feature to an already mechanically sophisticated pistol.



Barrel inscription: "LEFAUCHEUX / Bté A PARIS."
The signature reinforces the pistol's place within Lefaucheux's earliest independent period

Aaron Newcomer is President of The Lefaucheux Museum and a researcher and collector specializing in early breechloading firearms, pinfire systems, and 19th century arms development, with particular focus on Casimir Lefaucheux and the transition from Pauly-era mechanisms to later cartridge arms. He appreciates the opportunity to share this work with the readers of the Virginia Gun Collectors Association and values the VGCA's ongoing support of firearms history, collecting, and scholarship. VGCA members may also download a complimentary copy of his book, ***USA & PINFIRE: The Untold Story of Pinfire in America****, at* ***https://lefaucheux.com/vgca/*** *.*

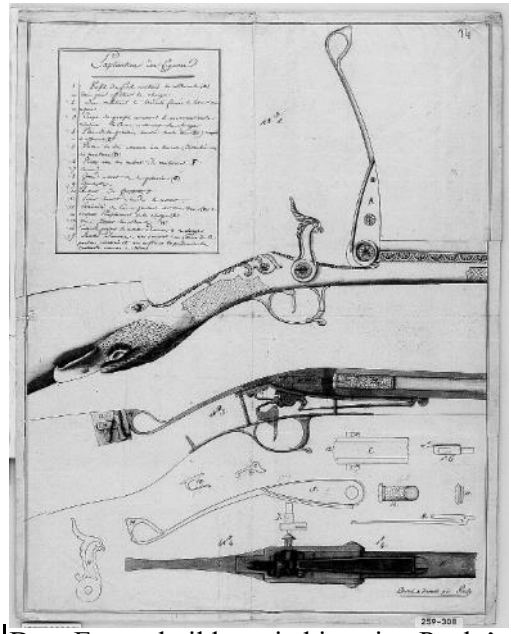
To learn more about Jean Samuel Pauly, Casimir Lefaucheux, and pinfire cartridges and firearms, visit the website of The Lefaucheux Museum at:**https://lefaucheux.com/**.

A BRIEF SIMPLIFIED BIOGRAPHY OF JEAN SAMUEL PAULY

By Marc Gorelick

Jean Samuel Pauly (1766 – c. 1821), born **Samuel Johannes Pauli**, was a Swiss inventor and gunsmith of the early 19th century. He invented the first cartridge that combined the projectile, powder and primer all into a single package that could be loaded from the breech of the gun. Pauly started working as a carriage builder and mechanic in his father's workshop where he developed a talent for technical innovation. He moved near to Bern to start his own carriage making business but became interested in firearms when the French Army marched into Bern in March 1798. He served as an artillery sergeant in the Swiss Army where he designed light artillery for the new Helvetian Army and wrote a manual of firearms while fighting in Massena's 1799 campaign against the Russians.

In 1802 he designed a human powered airship in the form of a fish with an elongated hull. However, there was no money to build it in Switzerland so he moved to France. He gained the sponsorship and patronage of Marshal Michael Ney, changed his name to Jean Pauly and commissioned Aime Bolle, Paris's most famous balloon designer, to build an airship for him in according to his plans. His airship flew in 1804 and 1805.



While in Paris, Pauly established contact with the Saint-Étienne weapon manufactory and established a gun making business where he developed mercury fulminate platinate and sold guns of his own design. In association with French gunsmith François Prélat, Pauly created the first fully self-contained cartridges in 1808. These had a copper base with an integral potassium chlorate primer (Pauly's innovation), a round bullet and either a brass or paper casing. Pauly designed a breechloading centerfire gun that used a needle to fire the cartridge. *(Note: Pauly employed Johann Nikolaus von Dreyse in 1809. Von Dreyse would later invent the Dreyse needle rifle in 1836.)*

Pauly made an improved version of his gun which he protected with a patent in September 1812. *(See the drawing to the left from Pauly's French Patent of 1812 of a breechloading shotgun and self-contained cartridge.)* Casimir Lefaucheux, who later acquired Pauly's Paris company in 1827 and later improved on his cartridge. But in April 1814, Napoleon Bonaparte was defeated and the victorious allies entered Paris. Dreyse left for Prussia and Pauly departed for England where he made an arrangement with the famous Swiss-born gunmaker Durs Egg to build an airship using Pauly's designs. It never flew and after the partnership broke up Pauly returned to firearms design. He took out two more patents for modifications to his breechloading centerfire gun. The first covered a new design which used compressed air to move a needle into the priming compound quickly so the heat from this would then ignite the priming compound. The second patent improved on the first. Pauly later fell into poverty and died in London around 1821.

✪ Looking for an Audio-Visual POC

The VGCA needs your help! We are looking for a volunteer to set up and operate our Audio-Visual equipment during membership meetings. Responsibilities will include setting up the computer, camera, and microphone (all provided by the VGCA) and establishing the jit.si link. Our former operator has moved to Texas and we need some assistance starting as soon as possible. Please contact Lou DiGaetano (ljdigster@yahoo.com) or any of the VGCA officers or directors if you can help.

✪ Smith & Wesson Factory Tour

Our second field trip of the year is planned for the Smith & Wesson factory in Maryville, Tennessee. We have a confirmed date of Friday, October 16, 2026. S&W can manage a total of 20 people, divided into two groups of 10 each with our tours starting at 10:00 and 10:30 in the morning. As this is an out-of-state tour arranged by the VGCA, attendance is limited to VGCA members and their immediate family.

A sign-up list was passed around at our July Membership Meeting and we currently have 13 people signed up to participate. The sign-up list will continue to be available at the August and September meetings. If you cannot sign up in person, please contact Rob Becker at rpebecker@verizon.net. Make the subject/title of your email "S&W Tour".

We will publish additional S&W rules for the visit in future newsletters.

✪ VGCA Social Media Accounts ✪

Our Instagram account
@vaguncollectors
has 405 posts with 1720 followers as of 23 August 2026.
Follow us for a regular dose of interesting gun-related content!

Our VGCA youtube.com channel
@vgca-virginiaguncollectorsasso
has 22 videos and 81 subscribers as of 23 August 2026.

The VGCA Facebook Page
https://www.facebook.com/VirginiaGunCollectorsAssoc/
has 405 posts with 1846 followers as of 23 August 2026.

✪ Hampton Roads Military Society

The Hampton Roads Militaria Society (HRMS) is a non-profit organization dedicated to assist collectors and historians in the collection & preservation of militaria of all sorts and periods, preserve and honor our military past, and honor the veterans of all our conflicts. They generally meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, but this can vary. The HRMS is a sister organization to the VGCA and VGCA members are welcome to participate as guests in their meetings and tours. Upcoming meetings at Rescue Squad No. 8 at 1243 Bayne Drive in VA Beach are:

8 Sep 2026 **"The Hundred Day Offense of WWI (Part 1)"** by Jim Paschall

13 Oct 2026 **"Lee Enfield Rifles"** by Paul Bracy

9 Nov 2026 **"An Army Career 1952-1988"** by Nelson Voke

✪ Our New Vice President – Wes Chappell



I have resided in the Northern Virginia area for 30 years. I am an Electronics Engineer and am retired from the U.S. Air Force. I have been shooting and collecting guns for over 40 years. I have worked in the firearms industry for 29 years and am a life member of the National Rifle Association and the Virginia Shooting Sports Association. I was previously the VGCA VP during COVID-19 quarantine era. I currently take care of our website and ensure we have pizza and drinks at our membership meetings.

I would like to see the VGCA expand its youth shooting and firearms education programs. I want to explore expanding our membership among the local transient population (both military and government).

EDITOR'S NOTE: Per our By Laws, Wes was elected by the voting members of the VGCA Executive Committee to complete the term of office left vacant by the passing of George Dungan. The vote was unanimous.

✪ We Still Need help with our Newsletter!

Would you like to be more involved with the VGCA? Are you interested in helping out from the comfort of your own home? Then you may be just the person to take over as our newsletter editor! Rob Becker is continuing as our editor but is looking for some relief. If you think this is something you would be willing to take on – in whole or perhaps just a single feature or area each month (like summarizing the monthly presentation or writing museum/book/gun show reviews) - please contact any of the officers or directors.

VGCA members in good standing are always welcome to attend our Executive Committee meetings. We meet at the NRA Facilities on the Tuesday evening 2 weeks before every membership meeting.

NEW ARTICLES ON VGCA WEBSITE

If you haven't visited the VGCA website recently you are missing a number of gun collecting resources. These include two new well-researched and informative articles that were written by a VGCA member and were recently posted on the ARTICLES page. They are:

WOLFGANG LEITHNER, EMPEROR FRANZ JOSEF I AND THE ISCHLERSTUTZEN

The Ischlerstutzen is an Austrian legend and has been a good choice for those Alpine hunters who are passionate about needing only one shot. The creation of the Ischlerstutzen, a specialized form of hunting rifle, was born from the passions of two men, Wolfgang Leithner, Jr., a gunmaker in Ischl, Austria, and Franz Josef I, Emperor of Austria and King of Hungary, who was an avid hunter.

JOHANN SPRINGER'S ERBEN: A SHORT HISTORY OF A HISTORIC GUNMAKER

Johann Springer's Erben was one of the most prestigious European gunmakers during the 19th and 20th centuries. During its more than 190 years of existence it has produced over 10,600 custom rifles and shotguns that are ranked among the world's finest. Today it is also one of Europe's premier auction house and hunting and sporting arms retailers.

To read these and many more informative articles go to the VGCA website at: **www.vgca.net** and then go to the ARTICLES page.

If you want to write an article for the newsletter, contact the newsletter editor, currently Rob Becker. For a website article contact Marc Gorelick.

"The laws that forbid the carrying of arms are laws of such a nature. They disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes.... Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants; they serve rather to encourage than to prevent homicides, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed man."

- Thomas Jefferson, *Commonplace Book*, 1774-1776
(quoting 18th century criminologist Cesare Beccaria)

VGCA GUNS OF DISTINCTION:
ORNATE HERBERT SCHEIRING GOLD AND SILVER KIPPLAUF

By Marc Gorelick

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



Some guns are not meant to be used; they are meant to be shown off. This kipplauf, or single shot stalking rifle, appears to be one of them. These guns are meant to be displayed as symbols of wealth, much as people display paintings by Renoir or Cezanne. Built by the master gunmaker Herbert Scheiring of Ferlach, Austria, it is a visual paean to ornately decorated firearms. And yet, despite its ostentatious decoration, beneath all the precious metal there is a deadly precision hunting weapon.



For those who don't know, a kipplauf is a relatively short, break action, single-shot European stalking rifle that can be broken down. Kipplauf is a compound word, "kipp" meaning break and "lauf" meaning barrel. It is designed to deliver a single well-placed shot that will dispatch the game quickly. Thus, the kipplauf has been said to be a straight-forward expression of the pure Alpine-European hunting tradition. A-rifle that must deliver one shot accurately with the highest levels of performance at all distances.

Herbert Scheiring opened his business in Ferlach, Austria in 1990 and since then has built a solid reputation for producing some of the highest quality custom rifles. Known for their precision, accuracy, and reliability, Scheiring rifles are crafted to the customer's requirements and tastes. Scheiring rifles combine the latest technology with old-fashioned had craftsmanship. They are also known for their decoration, with ornate engraving, inlay work and carving. This rifle is certainly no exception.

This kipplauf rifle, chambered in .243, uses Scheiring's "Jager" type tilting block system. It has a 21.65 inch (55 cm) long octagonal barrel with a quarter rib but no integral sights. As befits a kipplauf it is relatively light, weighing only 7.7 pounds (3.5 kg). The action is bright, with side plates. It has an underlever to open the action, a manual cocking slide on the upper tang, and double set trigger.



Describing this rifle's decoration as ornate does not do it justice. The barrel, action, mounts, triggerguard and underlever are fully covered with deep relief hand chiseled thistle leaves strewn with three-dimensional inlays in gold and silver. The thistle blossoms on the action and mounts are set with small stones. The action bottom is inletted with a carved ivory eagle.



The select burr walnut stock has a slight hog's back comb and Bavarian cheekpiece with double folds. It has no checkering but rather is generously decorated with carved inlaid colored ivory and scrolls of thistle

leaves with thistle heads. The bird's head pistol grip with cravat has a bottom that is inlaid with a grotesque mask carved from ivory. The fore-end has a Deeley latch and Schnabel tip. It too, is generously decorated with carved inlaid colored ivory and scrolls of thistle leaves with thistle heads.



The rifle has a pivot mounted Swarovski Habicht Nova scope, 2.2-9x42, with a 4A reticle. The scope's French grey colored steel parts are covered with full-coverage engraving of thistle leaves to match the rifle's decoration. The scope's turret covers have the Swarovski hawk logo inlaid in gold.



One can say that this rifle is a steel hand in a gold and silver glove. It is something that would grace the gun room of royalty or a Russian oligarch. As to be expected, this opulent example of the engraver's art is not cheap. When Joh. Springer's Erben offered it at auction, it had an estimated value of over $100,000 US (90,000 euros). Not exactly something you want to take on a hunt, climbing mountains or slogging through the rain and mud.

✪ Membership Report – August 2026

Since the last newsletter we have had the following persons apply for membership:

Jeffrey Weaver of Athen, Tennessee sponsored by **Chris Britton**
Guy Gawrych of North Fort Myers, Florida sponsored by **Bryan Pelton**

If you know of anyone who would be interested in joining our organization, please invite them to a meeting or to one of our upcoming VGCA Gun Show. **If you sponsor a candidate, either at one of our membership tables or elsewhere, please make sure that you fill in and sign the Sponsor page.**

Notice to Prospective New Members: If you have applied for membership in the last few weeks and do not see your name above, please be patient. Mr. George Dungan, our Membership Chairman, passed away unexpectantly on July 5th and it may be a few weeks until we recover the membership paperwork from his estate. Please contact any officer or director if you have any questions or concerns.

Notice to New Member Sponsors: Please ensure your prospective applicants provide a legible email address and telephone contact number if possible. Also, please make sure your name is clearly written on the sponsorship form. Without a valid email address, new members will not receive the newsletter or VGCA announcements.

Recruiting: Thank you to all our members who have worked at our recruiting table at Chantilly and Manassas over the past several years. It appears that the Nations Gun Show will return on the weekend of 30 October – 1 November and we will once again your support. Please contact Bruce Buchner buchnerb@cox.net if you are interested in helping out. We will also have a recruiting/membership table at our VGCA show on 7-8 November and will need volunteers for that weekend as well.

Annual Membership Renewals: Dues for 2026 are now well past due. If you wish to continue receiving the Newsletter, getting into the VGCA gun shows for free, and other benefits that come with membership please update your dues payment. You can renew annually for $40 or $250 for life. Please use the form below to renew and either mail it in or bring it to a meeting and give it to Robert Beich ontarget8@aol.com.

Dues may be paid by mail by sending a check (please, NO USPS or other Money Orders) and the completed membership renewal form above to the address on the form. VGCA will also accept payments in person (CHECK or EXACT CHANGE preferred – we have NO CASH for change) with a completed renewal form.

Please detach and return with your payment

Membership Renewal Request (AMR-2025_Oct)

VGCA, Inc., P.O. Box 328, Manassas, VA 20108

Please complete and return this renewal form with your payment. Indicate Annual, Life or that you do not wish to renew your membership by checking the appropriate box below.

Please Print Clearly

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

- ☐ Enclosed is a check for $40.00 for CY 2026 VGCA Annual Membership dues.
- ☐ I wish to upgrade to Life Membership in VGCA. Enclosed is a check for $250.00.
- ☐ Remove my name from the VGCA membership roster.

Make all checks payable to VGCA (Please - NO CASH or Money Orders).

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CMP UPDATE

By Clayton Vieg, CMP Liaison
The VGCA is a CMP Affiliated club. The VGCA club number is 026160.

CURRENT CMP FIREARMS AVAILABLE BY MAIL ORDER *(Click here for more information) (data current as of 08/21/2026)*

- M1 Garand *(Reclaimed Receiver)* Expert Grade .30-06 and .308 calibers $1150 + $35 S&H
- M1 Garand Receivers *(Reclaimed)* – Grade A $325.00 + $15 S&H; Grade B $275.00 + $15 S&H *(click here for grade descriptions and important information)*
- M1 Garand Barreled Receivers *(Reclaimed)* – .30-06 and .308 calibers – $500.00 + $20 S&H *(click here for important information)*
- M1 Garand Custom Shop Special .30-06 and .308 calibers $1650 + $35 S&H *(NOTE: Click here for important information)*
- M1903A3 Springfield *(Reclaimed Receiver)* Expert Grade .30-06 caliber $1050 + $35 S&H
- M1 Garand *(Commercial version) (New)* .30-06 and .308 calibers $1900 + $40 S&H *(NOTE: Must ship to FFL; click here for important information)*
- M1911/A1 Pistols - .45 ACP – Rack Grade: $1100; Field Grade: $1200; Service Grade: $1300 *(NOTE: Must ship to FFL; click here for important information)*
- Tisas (commercial) (new) M1911A1 Pistols - .45 ACP – **SALE $399.00** *(reg $429.99)* + free shipping *(NOTE: Must ship to FFL; click here for important information)*
- .22 Surplus Rifles – click here for current stock/availability

Additional rifles MAY be available at the CMP retail stores (Camp Perry and TMP). Check the CMP Forums or the individual stores for current stock information. Annual limit of 12 surplus rifles (including reclaimed receivers) per customer; lifetime limit of 4 M1911 pistols; no limit on commercial firearms. Most remaining "legacy" (non-reclaimed) rifles are being sold via

the CMP Auction site on GunBroker.com – click here for more information.)

Current surplus ammunition - *(click here for current availability and important information)*

LATEST CMP NEWS…

There have been a great deal of events in the last several weeks affecting the gun community (mostly positive, BTW), and the CMP is no exception. Since the last newsletter…

CMP Chairman and CEO Gerald O'Keefe gave an interview during the recently-concluded National Matches with some exciting news of interest to our members. The video is available on YouTube. (The news of interest will start at about the 1:10 mark).

M14 Rifles Are Coming Soon to CMP!

By now, you may have heard that the CMP will soon receive original M14 rifles from the Army and will be able to sell them to qualified customers *(should be the same eligibility rules as exist now for M1 rifles)*. Note that the CMP will permanently convert these M14s to semi-auto-only configuration before offering them for sale. Here are the details as revealed by Mr. O'Keefe:

- Est. 100K+ M14s will be transferred to CMP
- First sales – est. 1st quarter calendar year 2027
- Est. price – around $2K each
- Purchasers will be allowed to buy a maximum of two rifles

This situation is of course dynamic – click here to read the CMP's official announcement. Further details will be disseminated as they are received.

In other news:

Existing purchase limits on M1911 pistols will change starting January 2027 – 2 per customer per year (instead of max. 4 pistols per customer (LIFETIME))

- Army will release at least 350 Winchester M1897 pump shotguns to CMP – possibly other shotguns as well *(inventory review is still ongoing)*
- Navy (including USMC) and Air Force have not yet completed their review of surplus shotguns for transfer to CMP

The release of surplus pump shotguns to CMP is a result of a provision in the FY26 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) that authorized a one-time transfer of pump shotguns from the U.S. military to CMP based on

current military requirements for those weapons.

Regarding the 1911 pistol program, CMP announced that they will have in-person sales events for 1911 pistols on the second Friday of every month at the CMP 1911 facility in Anniston, AL (not to be confused with the currently-closed South Store or the Talladega Marksmanship Park store). This will allow you to hand-pick your pistol *(instead of the current "luck of the draw" approach)*.

Here are the dates for the rest of 2026:

- October 9
- November 13
- December 11

The in-person 1911 sales will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Central time). A set number of 15 to 20 individuals will be allowed in the store to shop at a time. CMP Armorers will be available to help answer any questions and Customer Service Representatives are available to answer any purchasing questions.

Required documents/information for those hoping to purchase a 1911:

- U.S. Citizenship and Age (Birth Certificate, Passport, Military ID E5 or above, Naturalization Paperwork)
- Membership in CMP Affiliated Organization (e.g., VGCA)
- Copy of Valid Driver's License
- State Application Documents (if applicable – not required in VA at this time)
- FFL shipping details *(NOTE: The CMP has not allowed the use of C&R FFLs to receive 1911 pistols in lieu of having a Class 01 FFL in your state perform a second background check prior to delivery. This resulted from the authorizing legislation passed in 2017 that transferred the pistols to CMP.)*

Note: Store inventory will be strictly limited to available stock. Please visit the CMP 1911 sales page to view current availability.

One Last Thing…

Don't forget to check out the CMP Forums site regularly to find out additional information and happenings involving CMP, as reported by many different individual CMP fans and customers.

….**Go CMP!**

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August Legislative Update Celebrate the Wins?

By Alan Reid



The last month or two have bought several wins in court for the 2nd Amendment. There is no denying the importance of these wins nor is there end to the continued moves by the anti-Constitutionists to circumvent, deny or outright ignore these recent rulings.

Going back a year - in September of 2025 a Court placed a permanent injunction on the enforcement of gun bans in ordinary Post Offices in favor of the plaintiffs. These plaintiffs were the 2nd Amendment Foundation (SAF), the Firearms Policy Coalition (FPC) and two other individuals. The ruling allowed the plaintiffs and their current and future members to exercise their 2nd Amendment Rights in what was previously a government declared sensitive site. Not only did this allow the plaintiffs to exercise their Constitutional rights by carrying in a Post Office, but it also has thrown away the idea that all Government-owned (or rented) buildings are automatically a Sensitive Site where firearms are banned.

In August of 2026, the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a formal opinion that the carrying of constitutionally protected firearms by individuals, for self-defense, in public Post Offices was allowed and no longer a Federal Offense. This has ended the previous situation where only the plaintiffs of last year's decision were allowed to carry in a Public Post Office.

We then have the case where a Texas Judge has placed another permanent injunction on government approval to purchase certain items covered by the National Firearms Act (NFA). These items include Short barreled Rifles (SBRs) Short Barreled Shotguns (SBSs), and suppressors. As a result of The Great Big Beautiful Bill removing the NFA Transfer Tax requirement for these items, the judge found there was no longer any legal reason for them to be specially regulated by Congress. This injunction ruling is not universally applied across the

country, but per the current judicial standard it is limited to the plaintiff organizations (current and future members) and the businesses involved. The plaintiffs in this case are Gun Owners of America (GOA), FPC Action Foundation, Citizens Committee for The Right to Keep and Bear Arms, Firearms Regulatory Accountability Coalition Inc, Palmetto State Armory, B&T USA, Silencer Shop Foundation, Silencerco Weapons Research, Texas State Rifle Association, Hot Shots Custom and several states and individuals.

Currently, it would appear that only members of the plaintiff organizations can purchase the concerned items and only from the plaintiff businesses. There is much to be clarified on this ruling and the potential for change is ever present. Currently, in Virginia, it was legal to own an SBR as long it was registered in accordance with the NFA. Now that it has been removed from the NFA in theory it should be legal to purchase one with no more trouble than going to your local gun shop and buying a Deer Rifle. As long as you are a member of one of the plaintiff organizations and it is made by Palmetto!

Until the changes are made crystal clear or the DOJ makes a sensible determination similar to the Post Office case, we will be in a state of limbo with potentially the NFA still being enforced for individuals not part of a plaintiff organization or for items produced by not plaintiff businesses.

In another win the Supreme Court of the United States will be hearing two cases related to so called “assault weapons and high-capacity magazines”. Hopefully, they decide in favor of the plaintiffs and their determination is so clear and unambiguous that interpretation against the ruling will be virtually impossible.

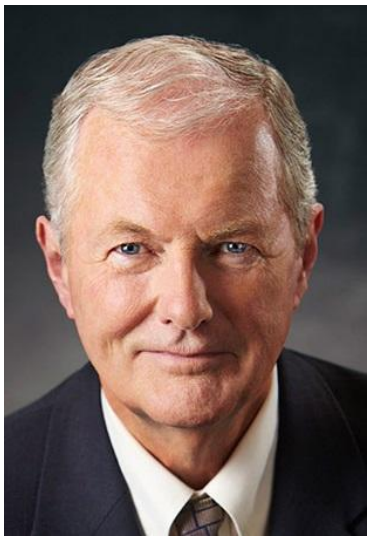
In closing – consider this scenario. Many anti-gun activists, law makers, etc. have espoused how good Australia’s firearms laws are compared to the USA. What they don’t mention is that Australia per percentage of population has higher crime rates than the US. Bashings, assault, kidnapping, carjacking, breaking and entering etc. are higher than the US - in many cases far higher! Even with Australia’s severe restrictions on firearms there are more firearm-related suicides (percentage wise) than the US. Food for thought.

Article I, Section 13 of the Virginia Constitution states:

That a well regulated militia, composed of the body of the people, trained to arms, is the proper, natural, and safe defense of a free state, therefore, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed; that standing armies, in time of peace, should be avoided as dangerous to liberty; and that in all cases the military should be under strict subordination to, and governed by, the civil power.

FINAL SALUTE: ALLAN D. CORS

By Marc Gorelick



Virginia Gun Collectors Association (VGCA) Life Member and 63rd President of the NRA Allan D. Cors died on August 9, 2026. Cors was a true patriot. For more than a half-century he tirelessly worked to protect the rights and freedoms of American gun owners. He was a life-long competitive, shooter, a life-long hunter, and an advanced collector of firearms and military vehicles.

Born in 1936, Cors grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he joined a Cub Scout pack led by a Marine Corps veteran who believed that every boy should learn to shoot. He shot smallbore through high school but set the sport aside for college and a law degree at the University of Cincinnati, then rediscovered it in 1964 as a young counsel on Capitol Hill with a growing collection of M1 rifles. In Washington he was minority counsel to the House Judiciary Committee where he was instrumental in beating back and defeating the harshest proposals of the 1968 Gun Control Act, including national registration, licensing and a handgun ban. At this critical time, he worked alongside Rep. John Dingell and a generation of NRA leaders to strip the harshest provisions out of the legislation.

Cors joined the NRA Board of Directors in 1972. He chaired numerous committees, including the NRA Gun Collectors Committee, served the NRA Foundation as Director (for seven years), trustee and chairman, served as First Vice-President of the NRA, advocated for the creation of the association's political action committee, and served as President of the NRA from 2015 to 2017. Past NRA President James W. Porter, II, recalled that it was Cors who seconded Dingell's 1975 resolution creating the NRA Institute for Legislative Action, the grassroots lobbying arm that reshaped the association. Porter also remembered the steady hand Cors brought to NRA legal and legislative policy.

Firearms were only part of Cors's collecting interests, although he belonged to the VGCA and the American Society of Arms Collectors. He started with a Daisy Red Ryder BB gun that he still owned 80 years later and finished with a fleet of more than 50 military vehicles, including a running World War I-vintage tank. VGCA members may know him because of the Virginia Museum of Military Vehicles, popularly known as Allan Cors' "Tank Farm," which he founded in 1989. Many of us have spent an enjoyable and interesting day exploring the many mechanically operational US and foreign armored vehicles during the "Tank Farm's" open house that was held each summer. From his involvement in the Tank Farm's educational aspect came the National Museum of Americans in Wartime that he founded and chaired to honor Americans who served from the First World War to the present day.

Outside Washington, DC and the NRA Cors spent 34 years at Corning Inc., retiring as a senior vice president after directing the company's world-wide government affairs endeavors.

Cors was an ardent defender of the 2nd Amendment, and a man who loved his country and what it stood for. He was a giant in the movement to protect our Constitutional rights to Keep and Bear Arms. A true gentleman, he was a highly respected collector, historian, distinguished shooter, avid hunter, astute political pathfinder and operator, and effective speaker and leader. Without his efforts our 2nd Amendment rights might have been erased long ago. He will be missed.

✪ Show-n-Tell ✪

NOTE: For anyone bringing in items for Show-n-Tell - please hold the item up so the members in attendance can see it. This will also help your photographer get a sharp picture and allow people who cannot attend the meeting to see it clearly in the newsletter. We also ask that you provide a Fact Sheet (copies of the one below will be provided at the meeting) to assist the newsletter editor in accurately describing your item. Thank you!

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✪ Upcoming Events and Shows ✪

PLEASE NOTE: VGCA members are strongly encouraged to *verify shows before driving to an event*. These dates were confirmed when this newsletter was written but are not guaranteed. Shows highlighted in yellow are shows with a collector focus.

VIRGINIA – 2026

- **Aug 22-23, 2026 – Richmond, VA** – Richmond Raceway Complex – *Showmasters*
- **Aug 29-30, 2026 – Virginia Beach, VA –** Virginia Beach Convention Center – *SGK*
- **Sep 4-7, 2026 – Hillsville, VA –** Grove King VFW Post 1115 – *Grove King VFW*
- **Sep 5-6, 2026 – Fishersville, VA** – Augusta Expo – *Showmasters*
- **Sep 12-13, 2026 – Hampton, VA** – Hampton Roads Convention Center – *SGK*
- **Sep 19-20, 2026 – Woodstock, VA** – Shenandoah County Fairgrounds – *Bear Run Firearms*
- **Oct 3-4, 2026 – Fredericksburg, VA –** Fredericksburg Fair Grounds – *SGK*
- **Oct 10-11, 2026 – Salem, VA –** Salem Civic Center – *C&E*
- **Oct 10-11, 2026 – Virginia Beach, VA –** Virginia Beach Convention Center – *SGK*
- **Oct 24-25, 2026 – Fredericksburg, VA –** Fraternal Order of Eagles – *SGK*
- **Oct 30-Nov 1, 2026 – Sterling, VA** – Dulles Town Center – *Showmasters* – ***Nation's Gun Show!***
- **Oct 31-Nov 1, 2026 – Harrisonburg, VA –** Rockingham County Fairgrounds – *Showmasters*
- **Nov 7-8, 2026 – Dale City, VA –** VFW Post 1503 – *VGCA (Our Fall Gun Show!)*
- **Nov 14-15, 2026 – Richmond, VA** – Richmond Raceway Complex – *Showmasters*
- ~~**Nov 20-22, 2026 – Manassas, VA** – Manassas Mall, 8358 Sudley Rd – *Showmasters*~~ **CANCELLED**
- **Nov 28-29, 2026 – Fishersville, VA** – Augusta Expo – *Showmasters*
- **Nov 28-29, 2026 – Hampton, VA** – Hampton Roads Convention Center – *SGK*
- **Dec 5-6, 2026 – Virginia Beach, VA –** Virginia Beach Convention Center – *SGK*
- **Dec 19-20, 2026 – Salem, VA –** Salem Civic Center – *C&E*

MARYLAND – 2026

- **Aug 22-23, 2026 – Easton, MD –** Easton Volunteer Fire Dept – *Shore Shot Promotions*
- **Sep 12-13, 2026 – West Friendship, MD –** Howard County Fairgrounds – *Appalachian*
- **Oct 3-4, 2026 – Timonium, MD** – Timonium Fairgrounds – *Appalachian Promotions*
- **Nov 7-8, 2026 – Crownsville, MD –** Anne Arundel Fairgrounds– *Appalachian Promotions*
- **Nov 7-8, 2026 – Easton, MD –** Talbot County Community Center– *Shore Shot Promotions*
- **Nov 14-15, 2026 – Frederick, MD –** Frederick Fairgrounds – *Appalachian Promotions*
- **Dec 5-6, 2026 – West Friendship, MD –** Howard County Fairgrounds – *Appalachian*

PENNSYLVANIA – 2026

- **Aug 22-23, 2026 – Trevose, PA –** Radisson Philadelphia NE – *Eastern Gun Expo*
- **Aug 29-30, 2026 – Harrisburg, PA –** PA Farm Show Complex – *C&E Shows*
- **Sep 12, 2026 – Wampum, PA –** Chewton VFD Hall – *Ellwood Wampum Rod & Gun Club*
- **Sep 12-13, 2026 – Union City, PA –** UCVFD Social Hall – *Randy Peterson*
- **Sep 13, 2026 – Portland, PA –** William Pensyl Social Hall – *Portland Hook & Ladder Co. #1*
- **Sep 17-20, 2026 – York, PA –** York Expo Center – *Ohio Valley Military Society – Max Show*
- **Sep 19, 2026 – St. Thomas, PA –** St Thomas Sportsmen Assoc Club House – *St. Thomas Sportsmen Association*
- **Sep 19-20, 2026 – Morgantown, PA –** Morgantown Expo Center – *Eastern Gun Expo*
- **Sep 26-27, 2026 – East Berlin, PA –** East Berlin Fish & Game – *East Berlin F&G Assoc.*
- **Sep 26-27, 2026 – Franklin, PA –** Rocky Grove Fire Hall – *Rocky Grove VFD*

PENNSYLVANIA – 2026 (continued)

- **Sep 26-27, 2026 – Gettysburg, PA –** Redding Auction Hall – *Central PA Antique Arms Association – Guns and Militaria from All Eras*
- **Sep 26-27, 2026 – Lewis Run, PA –** Lewis Run VFD Station 6 – *Lewis Run VFD*
- **Sep 26-27, 2026 – Sellersville, PA –** Forrest Lodge VTW 245 – *Jaeger Arms*
- **Sep 26-27, 2026 – West Middlesex, PA –** Hidden Valley Sportsmen's Club – *HVSC*
- **Sep 27, 2026 – Baden, PA –** Ambridge District Sportsman Club – *ADSA*
- **Oct 3-4, 2026 – Conneaut Lake, PA –** Conneaut Lake Sportsmans Assoc – *Glenn Favorite*
- **Oct 3-4, 2026 – Lake Harmony, PA –** Split Rock Resort – *Eastern Gun Expo*
- **Oct 10-11, 2026 – Allentown, PA –** Allentown Fairgrounds – *Forks of the Delaware Historical Arms Society*
- **Oct 10-11, 2026 – Monroeville, PA –** Monroeville Convention Center – *Showmasters*
- **Oct 10-11, 2026 – Pleasantville, PA –** Pleasantville Vol Fire Dept – *Randy Peterson*
- **Oct 10-11, 2026 – Williamsport, PA –** Liberty Arena – *Eastern Gun Expo*
- **Oct 16-18, 2026 – Oaks, PA –** Greater Philadelphia Expo Center – *Eastern Gun Expo*
- **Oct 18, 2026 – Mount Bethel, PA –** Mount Bethel Vol Fire Company – *Mount Bethel VFC*
- **Oct 24-25, 2026 – Reeders, PA –** Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Company – *Jaeger Arms*
- **Oct 30-31, 2026 – Shippenville, PA –** Oak Grove Events Building – *Allegheny Log Homes*
- **Oct 31-Nov 1, 2026 – Bloomsburg, PA –** Bloomsburg Fairgrounds – *Eastern Gun Expo*
- **Oct 31-Nov 1, 2026 – Harrisburg, PA –** PA Farm Show Complex – *C&E Shows*
- **Oct 31-Nov 1, 2026 – York, PA –** York Fairgrounds – *Appalachian Promotions*
- **Nov 7-8, 2026 – Quarryville, PA** – Solanco Fairgrounds – *Eastern Gun Expo*
- **Nov 7-8, 2026 – Sellersville, PA –** Forrest Lodge VTW 245 – *Jaeger Arms*
- **Nov 14-15, 2026 – Hermitage, PA –** Hickory VFW 6166 – *Wyatt Canon's Gun Room*
- **Nov 14-15, 2026 – Lebanon, PA –** Lebanon Expo Center – *Eastern Gun Expo*
- **Nov 15, 2026 – Portland, PA –** William Pensyl Social Hall – *Portland Hook & Ladder Co. #1*
- **Nov 21-22, 2026 – Allentown, PA -** Parkview Inn - *Eastern Gun Expo*
- **Nov 28-29, 2026 – Monroeville, PA –** Monroeville Convention Center – *Showmasters*
- **Dec 5-6, 2026 – Allentown, PA –** Allentown Fairgrounds – *Forks of the Delaware Historical Arms Society*
- **Dec 5-6, 2026 – Gettysburg, PA –** Allstar Events Complex - *Eastern Gun Expo*
- **Dec 12-13, 2026 – Harrisburg, PA –** PA Farm Show Complex – *C&E Shows*
- **Dec 13, 2026 – Mount Bethel, PA –** Mount Bethel Vol Fire Company – *Mount Bethel VFC*
- **Dec 18-20, 2026 – Oaks, PA –** Greater Philadelphia Expo Center – *Eastern Gun Expo*

SPECIAL EVENTS / SHOWS – 2026

- **Sep 12-13, 2026 – Greenville, SC –** Greenville Convention Center - *SCACA*
- **Sep 26-27, 2026 – Wellington, OH –** Ross Expo Center, Lorain County Fairgrounds – *OGCA* – Hosting Winchester Arms Collectors Association
- **Oct 1-4, 2026 – Noblesville, IN –** Embassy Suites by Hilton Conference Center – *Colt Collectors Association Show and Auction*
- **Oct 17-18, 2026 – Statesville, NC –** Statesville Civic Center - *NCGCA*
- **Oct 24-25, 2026 – Rock Hill, SC –** Rock Hill Sports & Events Center - *SCACA*
- **Nov 14-15, 2026 – Tulsa, OK –** Expo Square (Tulsa Fairgrounds) – *Wanenmacher* – **World's Largest Gun Show** – 4200+ tables!
- **Nov 21-22, 2026 – Hamilton, OH –** Spooky Nook at Champion Mill – *OGCA*

NOTE: OGCA Gun Shows are not open to the public – they are restricted to members and invited guests only. Several VGCA members are also members of OGCA and can sponsor you if you are interested in attending.

FOR SALE:

The "For Sale" section of the Virginia Gun Collectors Association (VGCA) Newsletter is provided as a service exclusively to the members of the VGCA and is intended for listing firearms and firearm related items. The VGCA, its officers, and directors are not responsible for any listings made in any VGCA Newsletter. We are not responsible for the accuracy (condition, value, etc.) of any listings. All buyers, traders, and sellers agree to comply with all local, state, federal, and international laws in regard to items sold via the VGCA Newsletter. It is their duty and responsibility to ensure the quality and value of the transaction and that all such laws are followed at all times. Buy, sell, or trade at your own risk.

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. Items will be listed for one issue of the Newsletter.

VGCA Logo Available at Lands' End



Here's how to order your apparel:

1. Go to the VGCA store on Lands' End business: ***https://business.landsend.com/store/vgca***
   a. It must be the URL shown above. **Do not** go to the regular Lands' End website. It will not show our logo options.
2. Above the photo on the home page click on "Men" or "Women"
3. On the drop-down menu select what you are interested in. For example, Men>Activewear >Tops gives you 19 different styles and fabrics of men's shirts. When you have selected an item click on it and select your color, size and quantity. Then on the lower right-hand corner of the screen click on the blue "Apply Logos" button.
4. On the next screen click on the VGCA logo to choose it and it will open the "select a Location" menu showing where you can have the VGCA logo embroidered. Choose a location and then scroll down to the "Apply Logo" button in the lower right corner and click it. It will return you to your garment page.
5. If you are satisfied with your garment, color, size and logo location click on the "Add to Bag" button in the lower right corner.
6. Then you can then go to checkout or continue shopping. When you checkout it will show an additional $8.95 for embroidery.

   If you have any questions, you can reach Bruce Buchner at 703-339-8212 or ***Buchnerb@cox.net***

FOR SALE:

✪ **FINNISH MOSIN-NAGANT** is authored by VGCA member Matt DiRisio and published by Wet Dog Publications. The list price is $99.95. It is 584 pages long with over 1,500 color and black and white photographs.

For ordering information go to the Wet Dog Publications website at:
https://www.fnbrowning.com/book-finnish-mosin-nagant.

FOR SALE:

✪ After more than two and a half years of research, VGCA member Bill Vanderpool has 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 Charlie Pate has four books that he has authored for sale, at discounted prices for 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:

✪ VGCA member Larry Babcock has 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*** / or text to 703-856-2561.

FOR SALE:

✪ Lefever Arms "Nitro Special". 12-gauge with 2 ¾ inch chambers, 28-inch barrels choked Full and Modified. $950

Contact Jack via email to ***looney.house@verizon.net*** or text to 703-999-9458.



FOR SALE:

✪ 1968 Winchester Model 70 chambered in .270 Winchester. Excellent condition. Accepting offers.



✪ Four boxes of Freedom Munitions 10mm X-DEF 200gr List price is $29.65 each - Asking $25 each

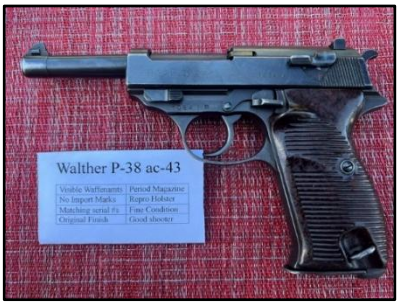


Contact Steven Philippy at ***dhhilliard54@duck.com*** or 703-927-9210.

FOR SALE:

✪ Walther P.38 - ac-43 in Fine to Excellent condition. Early 1943 "ac" Walther manufacture - fully functional with all matching with original finish; sharp lettering, numerals and design on metal; unmarred original grips and fine bore. Comes with high-quality repro late war P.38 holster. Don't miss this chance to own a pristine mid-war Walther P.38! C&R OK. Price: $1,950







✪ 1/35th Scale Armor Model Kits - unbuilt - new in box condition. My collection includes several hundred model kits from industry leading manufacturers such as Tamiya, Italeri, Dragon, DML, AFV Club, Academy. Collection includes older vintage kits from the 70s-80s and newer highly engineered kits from the 90's onward. If you enjoy building or collecting 1/35 scale armor models, chances are I have the kit(s) you may want at a great price.

If interested, please contact Robert Beich at ***ontarget8@aol.com*** or 571-421-6849 (Cell).

WANT TO BUY:

✪ Browning lever action Gold Medallion, short action, blue or silver.
Also: Browning lever action with pistol grip and take down. Prefer .308 but any considered.
Call King at (703) 576-7016, if there is no answer leave name and number with a brief description.
Thank you, King von Schilling

WANT TO BUY:

✪ Seeking a Bagnold Sun Compass, used during WWII by British desert troops. It was mounted on their vehicles. Must be complete and in working order.
Contact Jack via email to ***looney.house@verizon.net***
or text to (703) 999-9458.



WANT TO BUY:

✪ VGCA Life Member and Federal Firearms License dealer Colonel Ed Cercone, USMC, is seeking to enhance his collection and is looking for the following firearms in pristine condition and preferably with correct box. Ed can be reached at ***lucille.cercone@gmail.com*** or at (703) 323-6358. Mirror finish pieces are most desired.

S&W Model 56 KTX - 38
S&W Model 73
S&W Model 59 Blue or Nickel
S&W Model 39-2 Alloy 7.65 mm
S&W Model 39 Steel Frame

S&W Model 39 Alloy Blue or Nickel
S&W Model 66 Combat 2 1/2" 357 mag
S&W Model 66 No Dash 2 1/2" 357 mag
S&W 386 SCS Airweight
Beretta Model 1934 (7.65) With High Polish Finish or Italian Air Force Production or Model 1935 possibly with a high polish finish in 7.65

WANT TO BUY:

✪ VGCA member Kenan Torrans is on the hunt for an original and unaltered World War I Winchester Model 97 trench shotgun (not the riot gun or a riot gun modified to a trench gun configuration, and not a WW II version). If you have one you are willing to part with, please contact Kenan at: ***kenantorrans@aol.com***

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