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## September 2020 VGCA Newsletter

### President's Comments

Hello everyone,

We finally have some good news for VGCA members. After careful deliberations and discussion, the board decided that we can safely hold our November gun show. The show will have a different look as it will be slightly smaller than normal. Rick has spent many hours talking to the fairgrounds and re-designing the inside layout. Our plan is to increase the distance between tables and aisles as much as possible.



We will be calling all table holders to confirm their reservations in the near future. If for any reason, such as safety concerns, a member does not want to set up, we can refund their table money or roll it over until the spring 2021 show.

Our plan is to use hired security to supplement our security volunteers. We still need security volunteers for Sat and Sun and set up on Friday morning. All exhibitors and attendees will be required to wear a mask while they are in the building. There will be a limit in the amount of customers allowed in at one time to meet CDC and Prince William County requirements. We will also be doing temperature checks prior to entry - anyone with a fever will not be allowed into the show.

I think we are all very excited to get back to some semblance of normalcy. Please volunteer for set up or security if you are comfortable with our safety measures. We do not want to pressure anyone to attend that is worried about safety. We will be sending out emails to ask for some volunteers for set up and security.

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There have been several gun shows in Virginia recently with no negative ramifications due to COVID or having confirmed further spreading of the virus. This is a positive sign that screening and social distancing does help prevent the spread.

If we do see an uptick in COVID infection rates by late October, we can still decide to cancel the show if needed.

I would like to remind all members that all VGCA monthly meetings are cancelled through the end of 2020. That includes October and December meetings and the holiday potluck dinner. The main reason is the NRA building is still shut down and we do not have a suitable meeting place at this time. Our hope is to get back together sometime in early 2021.

I appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we try to navigate through these current events. One additional note - please make sure you're registered to vote. Virginia residents have until October 13 to register. Some politicians want to severely restrict your right of self-defense and view the second amendment as optional or outdated. Please do your part to make sure this does not happen.

Looking forward to seeing some of you in November and appreciate all of you for being members.

—*Bernie Breighner*, VGCA President

Our thanks to VGCA Director Marc Gorelick for contributing the following article for your reading pleasure in lieu of an August presentation summary (since there was no such presentation). Enjoy!

## **HENRI DE TONTI MIQUELET CARBINE: A SYMBOL OF EXPLORATION OF THE AMERICAN FRONTIER**

*Marc Gorelick*



*Miquelet carbine said to have belonged to Henri de Tonti. Photo courtesy of Poulin Antiques and Auctions*

In many respects, the saga of the exploration of the New World and the exploration of North America is mirrored in the history of firearms. The men who opened the west would not have been successful if they did not have guns. Rarely are we lucky enough to have a firearm that can be linked to a person of historical stature. Henri de Tonti is one such man and the miquelet carbine described here has been ascribed to him.

Henri de Tonti, (also spelled Tonty), also known as “Thunder Arm” or “Iron Hand,” was an Italian-born French soldier, explorer, and colonizer who served as a lieutenant to René-Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Salle during his North American explorations and colonization. Tonti was one of the first explorers to navigate and sail the upper great lakes of North America. Tonti also explored both the Illinois river which



led to the establishment of Fort St. Louis, as well as the Mississippi river to its mouth and claimed it for France. Tonti later established the first permanent European settlement in the lower Mississippi valley, known and today is known as the "Father of Arkansas."

Tonti (portrait by Dutch painter Nicolaes Maes to left) was born in 1649 or 1650 in Italy to Lorenzo de Tonti and Isabelle di Lietto. His father was a financier and former governor of Gaeta who is said to have invented the “tontine” form of life insurance. Lorenzo was involved in a revolt against the Spanish viceroy in Naples, Italy, and the family was forced to flee to France around the time of Henri's birth. Tonti joined the French army in 1668 and served as a cadet for two years. He then served in the French navy for four years in the Mediterranean, participating in seven campaigns at sea, four in warships and three in galleys. While participating in combat against the Spanish in Sicily his right hand was blown away by a grenade and he was taken prisoner. His hand was replaced by an iron hook covered by a glove. He was later released and upon returning to France he returned to active service in Sicily. With the conclusion of the Dutch War in 1678 he again returned to France but was unable to find a position at court although he was a protégé of the Prince de Conti. Instead he became the lieutenant to René-Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Salle, who had just been granted permission to open up the Illinois country and explore the Mississippi.



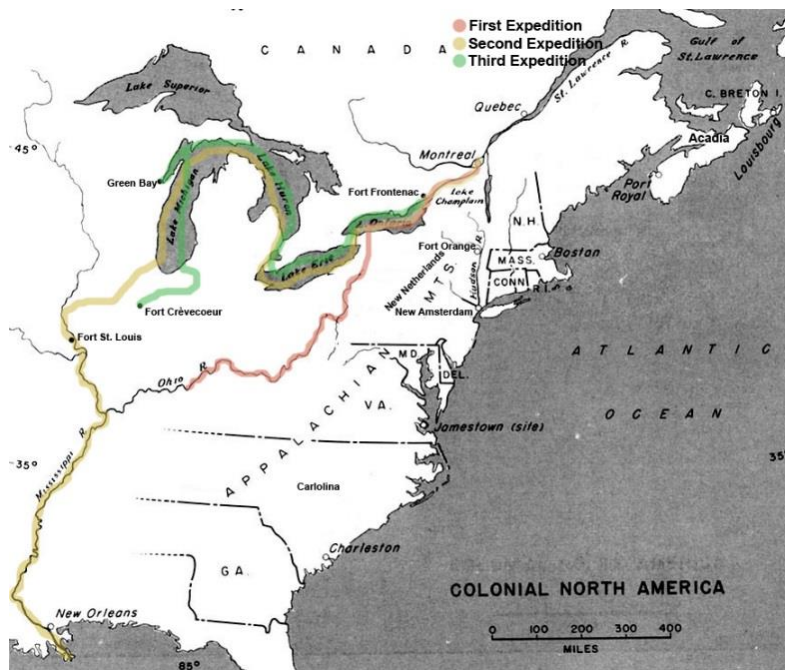
*Tonti's miquelet carbine. Photo courtesy of Poulin Antiques and Auctions*

Tonti and La Salle arrived in Quebec in September 1678 and in December they had reached the Niagara River. Tonti's life after that was a travelogue of the western frontier and a reflection of the early French and English struggles to decide who would control North America. He built numerous forts and explored the Great Lakes. In August 1679, Tonti arrived in Michilimackinac, the crossroads for the western fur

trade. He then sailed to the mouth of the St. Joseph River and helped establish Fort Miami. Tonti also helped build Fort Crèvecoeur in Illinois in 1680, which La Salle left Tonti to hold while he returned to Ontario. The Iroquois attacked Tonti and his men when was attempting to mediate between them and the Illinois tribes, stabbing Tonti and forcing them to retreat to current day Green Bay. In 1681, after recuperating from his wounds, Tonti joined La Salle at Michilimackinac and in the spring of 1682 Tonti and La Salle descended the Mississippi River. On April 9 they reached the mouth of the Mississippi and the Gulf of Mexico. Tonti helped establish alliances with the Natchez, the Kaskaskia: the Miami, Shawnee, Illinois, Mohican and other tribes, and with La Salle established Fort Saint Louis du Rocher in Illinois. La Salle departed for France in 1683 to gather colonists for a new Louisiana venture, leaving Tonti behind to hold Fort Saint Louis. In La Salle's absence Joseph-Antoine Le Febvre de La Barre, the new governor of New France, confiscated all of La Salle's territory and replaced Tonti with one of his minions. In spring 1684 Tonti traveled back to Quebec but returned to Illinois in 1685 when, under orders from the King, La Barre returned all of La Salle's territories to him. In 1686 Tonti learned that La Salle was in the Gulf of Mexico so he journeyed down the Mississippi River to try to join him. On the way Tonti established a trading post in Arkansas to trade with the Quapaw tribe and to hinder English expansion by establishing a presence in the middle of North America. Tonti reached the mouth of the Mississippi but was unable to find La Salle who was actually voyaging to the Texas coast.

During the summer of 1685, Jacques-René Brisay de Denonville replaced La Barre as governor of New France. De Denonville concluded that war with the Iroquois was inevitable, and Tonti played a meritorious role in the fighting against the Seneca and the English.

After the war he returned to Illinois to manage fur trading operations for La Salle. In 1689, after receiving news that La Salle's men had murdered him, Tonti and a few men tried to travel to La Salle's abandoned settlement in Baie Saint-Louis (now Matagorda, Texas) but had to turn back.



Left: Map of La Salle's first three expeditions. Tonti accompanied him.

In 1690 Tonti and La Forest, another La Salle lieutenant, were granted La Salle's fur-trading concession among the Illinois. So long as it functioned the English and Iroquois advance towards the west was held in check. During the winter of 1691 Tonti began a new fort at Pimitoui (near Peoria, Illinois). Tonti was a strategic thinker and tried to persuade the authorities in France to allow him to resurrect La Salle's old concept of siphoning off the wealth of the Mississippi basin through the Mississippi's mouth. Understandably, this ambition was vigorously opposed by the Montreal traders and merchants. However,

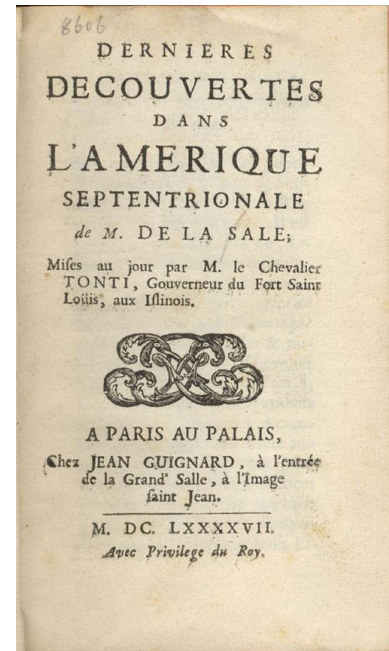
Governor Frontenac gave him permission to trade among the Assiniboine north of Michilimackinac. He traveled to the north and reported on D'Iberville's capture of Fort Nelson and Hudson's Bay.



By 1698, concerned about the English pushing west, the French court decided to counter English and Spanish designs on North America by resurrecting and modifying La Salle's original plan for a colony at the mouth of the Mississippi. They chose d'Iberville, the conqueror of Hudson Bay and Newfoundland, to establish a colony in Louisiana and Tonti and La Forest were to cooperate with him. In 1699 Tonti left Illinois and journeyed to Louisiana where he helped d'Iberville establish the French presence in the south. He developed trade deep into the interior, persuaded the Chickasaws and Choctaws to live in peace with the new colony "despite the instigation of the English," and when the Alabamas took to the warpath, he and de Bienville took revenge on them. He died in 1704 from yellow fever at Fort Louis-de-la-Louisiane near the Mobile River.

Tonti must be ranked as a major explorer of North America and as a businessman with a practical approach to the problems of the inland fur trade. It has been said of him that "while La Salle conceived, Tonty achieved." He was a successful soldier and exhibited great diplomatic skills in his dealings with the native tribes. The Indians, who called him *bras de fer*, were as much in awe of his endurance, tenacity, courage, sagacity, and organizing ability as they were of his hook-shaped artificial hand. Perhaps not a giant of his age, Tonti is nonetheless a significant figure in the history of New France and the opening of the west. And his guns are as much a part of American history as he is.

*Right: The title page of Henri de Tonti's account of Sieur de La Salle's voyages, written in 1697.*



The gun that has been identified to Tonti is a high quality carbine with a miquelet lock. The miquelet is a form of flintlock that was popular in Spain and Italy and was widely exported throughout the Mediterranean and to the Spanish possessions in the New World. While other types of flintlocks, including the true or French flintlock, have their mechanisms and main spring on the inside of the lock plate, the miquelet lock has its mechanism, including the main spring, on the outside. Officers in Tonti's time supplied their own weapons and although the French lock is generally accepted to being first produced between 1600 and 1610 and by the time of Tonti was widely used in France, it is quite probable that Tonti would have a firearm with a miquelet lock since he had spent his early military career in the Mediterranean. It is also natural that Tonti, with only one hand, would prefer a short handy carbine.

There are two main forms of miquelet lock, the Spanish and the Italian. In the Spanish lock the mainspring presses upwards against the rear portion or heel of the cock. Both arms of the horizontally acting sear come through the lockplate in front of the cock, and the breast of the cock has a stud to engage the half-cock arm. The Italian form of miquelet lock also has most of the mechanism mounted on the outside but generally on a lockplate more in the French style. The arms of the sear come through the lockplate, the half-cock at the front or toe of the cock and the full-cock at the back or heel of the cock. In the Italian version the mainspring is also outside the lock plate, but it presses downward on the front of the cock. Both forms of miquelet lock normally have a large ring-head jaw screw. Tonti's carbine has an Italian form of miquelet lock, which makes sense since he served there for many years.



*Italian form of miquelet lock of Henri de Tonti's carbine. Photo courtesy of Poulin Antiques and Auctions*

What ties this gun to Henri de Tonti is his name, and the date 1678, that are written in tacks on the right side of the butt stock. Tonti sailed to New France with La Salle in 1678. It is quite conceivable that he obtained this carbine in Italy and took it with him when accompanied La Salle.



*Right side of buttstock. Tacks read "HENRI DE TONTI 1678." Photo courtesy of Poulin Antiques and Auctions.*





The carbine came from the collection of Dr. Joseph R. Mayer (1898-1961). Mayer was a prominent Rochester, NY physician and collector of arms and armor. He was also a historian and was known for his scholarly research and articles about colonial Indian flintlocks. The gun was apparently given to him by Harry L. Schoff (1905-1965). Schoff operated a museum in Honeoye Falls, NY, was a noted amateur archeologist, collector and an authority on the Iroquois. Like Mayer, Schoff researched and wrote on the fur trade, native culture, and Indian arms in Colonial America. The carbine bears a silver plaque (see photo to left) in the form a shield on the butt that is inscribed: “*Dr Joe Mayer / of the Iron Hand / from / Harry Schoff / 1943.*” It is offered for sale by Poulin Antiques and Auctions (<https://www.poulinauctions.com/>) at their auction on December 11-13, 2020 in Fairfield, Maine.

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## ★ September Business Meeting ★

★ **September Business:** Although we have not had a membership meeting since February, the VGCA officers, directors, and committee chairmen *did* meet in September (appropriately social distanced, of course). The following items and decisions were reported/reached at that meeting:

- **Meetings:** Bernie Breighner reported that the NRA facilities remain closed to all but essential personnel and that most of the NRA staff remain furloughed. The NRA conference is thus not available for meetings, even at reduced capacity. Given these facts, the **VGCA Executive Committee confirmed that all in-person membership meetings are cancelled for the remainder of this year.** As was reported last month, we will try to have a “virtual” membership meeting via one of the computer-based software platforms in October – stand-by for further details to be published on our website or sent out by Constant Contact.
- **Membership:** Bill Chronister noted that with extremely limited opportunities to recruit, VGCA membership has not changed since the previous month. We have 94 annual members (whose membership has been automatically extended through December 31, 2021) and 415 life members, for a total of 509. This month we do have one prospective new member (see Membership Chairman’s Report below).
- **Virginia Legislation:** George Dungan provided an update on the actions of the current Special Session of the Virginia Legislature. There have been no additional anti-gun

measures proposed during this Special Session. The one item to keep an eye on is the proposed creation of a commission to look at changing the Virginia redistricting rules.

- **Fall Gun Show:** The big decision of the evening was whether or not we should cancel our November Gun Show. **After extensive discussion and reviewing multiple options, it was decided that the VGCA will have our fall gun show at the Prince William County Fairgrounds on 7-8 November.** Due to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic, VGCA will comply with Virginia and Prince William County health restrictions and incorporate CDC recommendations. Please note the following changes from our previous gun shows:
  - We will set up in the same building at the Prince William County fairgrounds as normal, but will reduce capacity from 165 to 125 tables. This will allow wider aisles and significantly more space behind the tables (8' vice our normal 3') so both customers and vendors can practice appropriate social distancing.
  - The fairground building capacity is 500 people. With attendance limited to 50% of capacity, a member will be posted at the entrance to count people entering and exiting the facility to ensure we stay below the 250 person restriction.
  - All attendees (customers and vendors) will have their temperatures scanned before entering the show. Anyone with a fever will not be allowed to enter.
  - All attendees (customers and vendors) must wear face masks covering their nose and mouth.
  - Due to the limited opportunity to sign up VGCA members as show security volunteers, the Executive Committee agreed to hire three Prince William County Sheriffs deputies for each day of the show.



★ **Next Membership Meeting:** As noted above, the NRA facilities remain closed to all but essential personnel. With no place to meet and COVID-19 quarantine restrictions on public gatherings still in place, all VGCA membership meetings between now and the end of the year have been canceled. As of now, our next scheduled membership meeting is not planned until January 2021. If the situation changes, the VGCA Executive Committee agreed to re-address this decision. Please stay tuned to our website as well as Facebook and email notices via Constant Contact for news and updates on future Membership Meetings and events.



★ **Need Show Security Volunteers:** We need your help! VGCA needs security volunteers for our fall Gun Show to be held on 7-8 Nov 2020. Please consider volunteering for one or more 2-Hour shifts, especially afternoon/late shifts. If interested, contact Frank Cambria at 703-937-7670 or [ftcambria@yahoo.com](mailto:ftcambria@yahoo.com)



★ **Also Need Show Set-up Volunteers:** In addition to show security, we need 8 or more volunteers for show set-up. Set-up starts at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, 6 Nov 2020 and lasts until all the tables are in place (generally about 1-2 hours). If you can help, please contact Andrew Woodard at [ajw055570@aol.com](mailto:ajw055570@aol.com)





## ★ Other News! ★

### ★ Membership Chairman's Report – September 2020:

**New Member:** N/A

- Correction: In the August Newsletter New Member **Douglas Gravatt's** name was misspelled.

**New Applications for Membership:** Since the last Newsletter, there has been one new applicant.

- **Joseph Carson** of Stafford, Virginia is sponsored by **David Litchfield**

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 June 22, 2020. For questions, please email **Bill Chronister, Membership Chair** at [vgca\\_membership@cox.net](mailto:vgca_membership@cox.net) or call me at 703-204-0138.

**Notice to New Member Sponsors:** 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 newsletter or VGCA announcements.

**Annual Membership extensions:** The VGCA Executive Committee has extended all Annual Memberships until December 31, 2021. 2021 Validation stickers will be sent out within 2 weeks. An email will be sent to all annual members when they are mailed so you can be on the lookout for the new sticker.

## ★ VIRGINIA STATE POLICE BRIEFING ON NEW STATE GUN LAWS

*By Marc Gorelick*



During September, the Virginia State Police, Criminal Justice Information Services, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) held a series of joint electronic briefings, or seminars, about the new Virginia gun laws and ATF rules. I (and other VGCA members) electronically attended the September 10 briefing, and although the seminars were geared towards FFL holders (dealers), it was also useful for gun owners and collectors. In addition to the powerpoint presentations there were question and answer sessions. In an effort to better inform the VGCA membership about the new gun laws I transcribed the State Police powerpoint below. The text is taken directly from the powerpoint. Any comments of mine will be clearly marked.

There have been a number of changes made at the General Assembly this year, most notably, with regards to firearms, are the changes involving Dual Residency, “One Handgun a Month” and Private Sales (Universal Background Checks).

## **DUAL RESIDENCY**

### **Statutory Requirements**

To establish personal identification and dual residency, a dealer shall require any prospective purchaser to present one photo-identification form issued by a governmental agency of the prospective purchaser’s state of legal residence and other documentation of dual-residence within the Commonwealth.

Documentation of dual-residency may include the following:

- Evidence of a currently paid personal property tax or real estate tax
- Current lease
- Utility or telephone bill
- Voter registration card
- Blank check
- Automobile registration
- Hunting or fishing license
- Other current identification allowed as evidence of residency by 27 CFR Section 178.124 and ATF ruling 2001-5
- Other documentation of residence determined to be acceptable by the Department of Criminal Justice Services that corroborates that the prospective purchaser currently resides in Virginia

## **ONE HANDGUN A MONTH**

### **Introduction – Statutory Requirements**

Section 18.2-308.2:2 of the Code of Virginia prohibits the sale or transfer of more than one handgun to any person within any 30-day period, unless specifically exempted by statute or upon the issuance of a Multiple Handgun Purchase Certificate issued by the Department of State Police.

### **Explanation of the “30-day period”**

The 30-day period starts once a transaction has been assessed as approved. For example, subject purchases a handgun on August 1<sup>st</sup>, goes into a research status and the transaction is completed and marked approved on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. The 30-day period starts on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and the subject would be unable to purchase another handgun, barring an exemption, until September 2<sup>nd</sup>, not August 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Exemptions**

Section 18.2-308.2:2 of the Code of Virginia provides for exemptions to the 30-day rule. Please note, these are exemptions only for this specific rule. Purchasers must meet all other requirements including, but not limited to, residency, ability to pass a background check, etc.

### **Licensed Firearm Dealers**

- Under state and federal law, no background check would be required.

### **Law Enforcement Officer**

- A law enforcement officer is defined as any employee of a police department or sheriff’s office that is part of or administered by the Commonwealth of Virginia or any political subdivision thereof, and

who is responsible for the prevention and detection of crime and the enforcement of penal, traffic or highway laws of the Commonwealth.

- In other words, this would have to be a Virginia law enforcement officer/deputy/trooper. This does not apply to law enforcement officers in other states or the federal government nor civilian employees of any law enforcement agency.
- An agency duly authorized to perform law enforcement duties. This also has to be a Virginia agency, not from another state or a federal agency.
- State and local correctional facilities
- A private security company licensed to do business within the Commonwealth

### **The purchase of antique firearms**

#### **The exchange or replacement of a handgun**

- An exchange involves a handgun that was purchased within the last 30-day period and must occur with the original seller of the handgun.
- The transaction requires the SP-65 document number of the original transaction.
- There is no restriction to the number of times a person may exchange a handgun.
- The replacement of a single lost or stolen handgun
  - A person whose handgun is stolen or irretrievably lost who deems it essential that such handgun be replaced immediately may purchase another handgun, even if the person has previously purchased a handgun within a 30-day period.
  - The person must provide the firearms dealer with a copy of the official police report or summary on forms provided by the State Police (Lost/Stolen Handgun Report), from the law-enforcement agency that took the report of the lost or stolen handgun.
  - The Lost/Stolen Handgun Report contains the name and address of the handgun owner, the description of the handgun, the location of the loss or theft, the date of the loss or theft, and the date the loss or theft was reported to the law-enforcement agency. The date of loss or theft as reflected on the Lost/Stolen Handgun Report must have occurred within 30 days of the person's attempt to replace the handgun.
  - The firearms dealer shall attach a copy of the report to the original copy of the completed SP-65 and retain it for a period of two years.
- The Trade of a handgun for a handgun
  - Only one transaction of this nature may be completed each day.

#### **A valid Virginia permit to carry a concealed handgun.**

- These are permits issued by a Virginia Circuit Court, in the case of Virginia residents or Virginia State Police in the case of non-resident permits. LEOSA permits issued by any Non-Virginia law enforcement agency, do not meet the statutory requirements for exemption.

#### **The Private Purchase of Curios & Relic handgun**

- A private sale means purchase from a person who makes occasional sales, exchanges, or purchases of firearms for the enhancement of a personal collection of curios or relics, or who sells all or part of such collection of curios and relics.
- *(COMMENT: During the Q&A session it was explained that the sale must be of a handgun on the C&R list. It can be between C&R holders or C&R and FFL/dealers. END COMMENT.)*

#### **Multiple Handgun Purchase Certificates**

- Purchases in excess of one handgun within a 30-day period may be made upon completion of an enhanced background check by special application to the State Police and upon approval by the



State Police, in accordance with the regulations governing multiple handgun purchases promulgated by the Department of State Police. Application shall be made in person to State Police Administrative Headquarters, 7700 Midlothian Turnpike, Richmond, Virginia, a division headquarters, or area office of the Department of State Police.

- The Multiple Handgun Purchase Certificate is valid for seven days from the date of issuance.
- The Multiple Handgun Purchase Certificate must be surrendered by the purchaser to the dealer at the time of transaction and maintained on file by the dealer for not less than two years from the date of transaction.

## PRIVATE SALES

### Statutory Requirements

No person shall sell a firearm for money, goods, services or anything else of value unless he has obtained verification from a licensed dealer in firearms that information on the prospective purchaser has been submitted for a criminal history record information check as set out in §18.2-308.2:2 and that a determination has been received from the Department of State Police that the prospective purchaser is not prohibited under state or federal law from possessing a firearm or such sale is specifically exempted by state or federal law.

The designated dealer shall collect and disseminate the fees prescribed in §18.2-308.2:2 as required by that section. The dealer may charge and retain an additional fee not to exceed \$15 for obtaining a criminal history record information check on behalf of a seller. *(COMMENT: During the Q&A session it was explained that the charge could actually be up to \$20. For VA residents \$15 plus \$2 = \$17, and for non-residents (out-of-state) \$15 plus \$5 = \$20. END COMMENT.)*

*(COMMENT: During the Q&A session it was explained that for C&R holders purchasing a gun on the C&R list, no background check is required if the transaction is between C&R holders or a C&R holder and a FFL/dealer. END COMMENT.)*

If you have any questions please call contact the Virginia State Police: Richmond – (804) 200-4141; Roanoke – (540) 983-6944; Falls Church (703) 287-1130.

### **★ 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](mailto:vgca_membership@cox.net) or at home on 703-204-0138.



# ★ RECALL NOTICE ON ACCURATE 2520 POWDER

## RECALL NOTICE: ACCURATE 2520

Western Powders is issuing a recall of Accurate 2520 1 lb. bottles with lot number **0913192116**. The lot number is stamped on the back of the bottle. This is a limited recall and **ONLY** applies to this lot number of Accurate 2520.



USE OF THIS POWDER MAY RESULT IN HIGH PRESSURE LOADS AND  
SUBSEQUENT GUN DAMAGE OR SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY.

If you are in possession of this propellant, please discontinue use immediately and contact Western Powders at 406-234-0422. We will replace your powder and instruct you how to dispose of this powder.





# GUNS OF DISTINCTION

*By Marc Gorelick*

## SET OF FRENCH FLINTLOCK DUELING PISTOLS



This cased set of French flintlock dueling pistols was made by D. Riez about 1770. The .60 caliber smoothbore, cannon-shaped blued barrels are profusely decorated with gold washed ornaments and the gunmaker's gold initials, "DR," surrounded by a laurel wreath on the top of the barrels. The pair have nickel plated lockplates, ramrod pipes, elaborately fitted trigger guards and engraved pistol grip caps. The maker's name "Riez" is engraved on the lockplates and the furniture has engraved acanthus leaf

decoration. The guns have full walnut stocks with steeply angled grips and fine checkering. The Moroccan leather-lined mahogany case is complete with all the accessories.



This cased set was for sale at a recent Joh. Springer auction out of Vienna, Austria.

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## ★ 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](mailto:rpebecker@verizon.net).

### Museum

*A TRIP TO THE MUSEUM:*

# MUSSEE NATIONAL D’HISTOIRE MILITAIRE (National Museum of Military History) in DIEKIRCH, LUXEMBOURG

*By Bernie Breighner*

*One of the most unique military history museums is located in a small town that found itself between the advancing allied army and German troops defending the German homeland. The museum is the Mussee National D’Histoire Militaire in Diekirch, Luxembourg. The town of Diekirch is located approximately 35 km northeast of Luxembourg City. The unimposing exterior of the museum belies the military treasures that are contained inside. The museum is mostly dedicated to World War II and specifically the battles that were fought in the winter of 1944/45. The museum also serves as the military history museum of the country Luxemburg from the early 1900’s to the present. The museum is home to one of the most dramatic and complete collections of World War II small arms and equipment in the world.*



*Mussee National D’Histoire Militaire Photo by Archangel 12 under GNU Free Documentation Lic.*



The museum's collection was initially obtained from battlefield pick-ups after World War Two. A small group of local residents formed an organization dedicated to preserving the history of battles that were fought in the area. This group eventually became the Diekirch Historical Society. The museum was opened to the public in September 1984 to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the liberation of Luxembourg and the Battle of the Bulge. The museum's building was a former beer brewery and has over 3000 square meters of display area.

The main display area contains a small assortment of tanks, large caliber weapons, wheeled and tracked vehicles of both German and American origin. All of the display vehicles have been restored with attention to detail and authenticity.

On the German side there is a 2 cm (20mm) four barreled Flakvierling German anti aircraft gun in perfect condition. Next to the Flakvierling there is a Jagdpanzer model 38(t). An American M-3A1 Halftrack sits in one corner bristling with two 1919A-4 machine guns on flex mounts and a M-2 "Ma Deuce" on the ring turret. Of particular interest was a mint condition M-55 Quad .50 Caliber Anti Aircraft trailer being towed by a 3/4 ton Dodge 4x4. The M-55 sported a red and white shark's mouth on the front shroud, most assuredly a GI field modification.



*US Quad .50 caliber AA trailer mount, front and side. Photo Bernie Breighner*

One very interesting exhibit in the main hall was on the German V-3 program. The V-3 was designed to be part of Hitler's V- Series of weapons. There has been very little written on the existence or the operational use of the V-3. According to the documents located at the museum, The German V-3 was a high-pressure rail gun. The weapon system was to be deployed along steep hillsides where circular sections of tubing would be assembled to make an extremely long barrel. Once the V-3 was constructed on incline it would be an immobile weapon. The overall length would vary due to site conditions and the barrel length could be several hundred feet long. The V-3 would be able to fire a small caliber projectile over great distances. According to the display, there was at least one known attack. Two V-3 guns bombarded Luxembourg during the German Ardennes offensive. The program never really got out of its experimental stage as the war ended and the U.S. Army captured the only known prototype which was sent to Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland for test and evaluation. The V-3 was presumably tested and the weapon was destroyed. Interestingly, Dr. Gerald Bull revived this concept as he designed several rail guns in the 1960's for the US Army and was in the process of building the "Super Gun" for the Iraqi's in the late 1980's before the project was discovered by British authorities.





As you leave the main display area you are face to face with three German Volksgrenadiers in full battle dress. (Photo left) The soldiers represent some of the units that took part in the German offensive in the Ardennes and all are wearing authentic German World War II issue clothing ranging from snow parkas to camouflage smocks. One of the soldiers is armed with a Russian PPSH 41, another has an MP 44 and the last has a G-43 with a grenade launcher. This display is only the beginning of what will become a seemingly endless display of weapons and equipment and life-size dioramas depicting troops engaged in battle.

One of the first stops is the weapons collection room. As you enter, the archway over the door has the rusted relics of an M-1 rifle, Kar 43 and an MP-44 standing guard over the collection. Once inside you are overwhelmed by the enormous collection of weapons, ammo and armaments that are on display. The first case contains a complete assortment of German weapons used in WW II. There are three variations of the German Strumgewehr. The MP-43, MP-43-1 and the MP-44 with accessories such as the magazine loading tool and MP 44 leather magazine pouches. A Third Production model FG-42 (G) in excellent condition is also on display. The collection includes virtually all of the German sub machine guns used in WW II. The examples include the MP 38, MP 40, Erma EMP, Austrian made Steyr Solothurn MP 34(O) model, Bergman MP 35 and a Schmeisser MP28II. Italian submachine guns are present in a Beretta Model 38A and a Beretta Model 38/42 that was favored by some German units. The museum unfortunately did not have examples of the German STEN copy, the MP 3008 or the very crudely manufactured Erma EMP 44. German battle rifles include most variations of the Gewehr 98, 98A and 98K in both standard and sniper variants. The semi-automatic Kar 43 and G43 sniper variant as well as the G 41 are present. The best part of this display is the assortment and variations of German machine guns.



*Part of the German machine gun display in the weapons collection room. Photo Bernie Breighner*

Literally every square inch on the bottom of the display case is occupied by a machine gun or associated accessories. A well worn MG 08 and its cousin the MG 08/15 are present. Several MG 34's and the revolutionary MG 42 machine guns are on display. As you go through the museum there are probably at least 10 more examples of each the MG 34/MG 42. A Czech ZB -30 that does not have German acceptance markings fills the front of the case. The ZB-30 does have a rather unusual feature, the magazine of the weapon has two magazines seam welded together to increase capacity. The ZB-30 was known in German nomenclature as the Maschinengewehr (30) t and was the only true light machine used by the Germans during the war. Another weapon of Czech origin is the ZB 37 (Model 37) Heavy Machine Gun in 7.92mm. The ZB 37 was used mostly as vehicle armament due to its size and weight. Other captured/nationalized non-German manufactured weapons include the French model 1924 M29 Chatterault, an 8mm Madsen 08 as well as the Austrian Schwarzlose.



*MG 42 in the weapons exhibit. Photo Bernie Breighner*

A rare weapon in the case was a German Rhenmetall MG 131/13 in 13mm that was used in aircraft and pressed into service as a ground machine gun late in the war. The MG 13 and MG 15 are also present; both are outfitted with bipods and stocks for use as a ground machine gun. A twin MG 81 machine gun designed for the Luftwaffe to protect bombers from attacking fighters is hidden among the machine guns lining the floor. The MG 81, a modified MG 34 adopted for the air role is not complete as it is missing the front spider sight. The main differences between the MG 81 and MG 34 was that the MG 81 was capable of automatic fire only and had a higher rate of fire. The rate of fire for the MG 81 is between 1000-2000 rounds per minute (RPM) compared to 800-900 RPM for the MG 34.

Almost unnoticed are a collection of pistols ranging from P-08 Lugers, Broomhandles, P-38's, Polish Radom, various CZ pistols and a Browning High Power. A German designed Model 39 Grenade



Launcher in 30 mm is displayed along with an assortment of 30-mm grenades designed for its use. Some of the interesting weapons were ones that had been captured in previous battles and were pressed into service late into the war. The museum has on display several Soviet PPSH 41 that were converted to fire 9mm. The conversion involved replacing the barrel with one chambered for 9mm, modifying the magazine well to accept MP 38/40 magazines and reworking the bolt assembly. Another is the Tokarev M 1940 semi-automatic rifle.

The museum has a very impressive display of German anti-tank weapons. The massive Mauser designed 13 mm Model 1918 “Tank Gewher” anti-tank rifle with a variety of rounds. This rifle is an upscale copy of the Mauser Gewher 98 bolt action rifle that has a weight of 38 pounds. The cartridge was first developed during World War One as a direct result of the introduction of Tanks into the modern battlefield. The 13mm round, which has an actual diameter of 12.7 mm was capable of penetrating 1/2 inch of armor. John M. Browning used this round as a prototype in developing the .50 BMG cartridge that is the worldwide standard today. One of the most amazing sites was seeing factory new boxes containing Model 30 Panzerfausts. Both models of the Panzerfaust, the Model 30 and the Model 30 Klein (small) are displayed in their original German shipping crates. The room has an extensive display of German mines designed for anti-personnel and anti-tank uses. The entire ordinance collection was liberated after the war by the original members of the museum. Even more incredible was that the members deactivated almost all of the ordinance on display. They eventually sought the help of the Luxembourg Military EOD experts. As one views this vast assortment of small arms used by the Germans in WW II, it illustrates the difficult task of trying to supply all of the various calibers of ammunition and spare parts needed to keep these weapons working under combat conditions



This concept is easily visualized as you look at the case containing American small arms of WW II. The US collection takes only one quarter of the space as the German collection! The display includes the 1903 Springfield, M-1917 Enfield, M-1 Garand, M-1 carbine and the M1A1 carbine folding stock version. The M 3 and M3A1 sub machine guns, Thompson M1 A1 are represented as well as the Browning 1918 A-2. The case has 3 Browning M-2 Heavy machine guns on display. One is an aircraft version AN M-2 and the other two are ground versions on M 63 tripods. The Browning 1919A-4 and 1919A-6 are also included. The rest of the room has a tremendous collection of ordnance ranging from the 9mm Luger cartridge to a 500 pound US General Purpose Bomb. This collection could be a reference library for any EOD team working with WW II ordnance.

After leaving the weapons collection room, the museum journey will now take you through snap shots of the war in the winter of 1944/45. These snap shots are in the form of life sized dioramas depicting soldiers at war. The largest of these displays depicts elements of the Fifth US Army making a night crossing of the Sauer River into Germany on January 18, 1945. The Platoon sized scene has US soldiers dragging aluminum boats in deep snow to the river's edge. The depiction puts you at the rear of the column as they advance into a dark snowy horizon. Each of the soldiers are wearing white snow smocks and are carrying a variety of weapons from the Browning 1919A-4 to the M-1 Rifle. Nothing has been left to imagination. The scene has been recreated to give the viewer a very accurate depiction of the event.



*Large diorama (top and at right) of troops of the US 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division conducting a nighttime crossing of the Sauer river at Diekirch on January 18, 1945. Photos Bernie Breighner*







Another scene (*photo left*) shows tired German troops settling down to an evening meal. A German meal wagon is providing the troops with hot food. The troops are huddled along the sides of a destroyed building, trying to find a warm and comfortable spot. One soldier who stands only feet away from the edge of the display is cleaning an MG 34. The soldier has broken down the weapon on a table and is busily cleaning the receiver in his hand. The

scene has amazing detail from the German mailbag to the spilled food down the side of the meal wagon. Several other scenes depict a German MG 42 machine gun nest, a US mortar crew using a building as firing position, a German PAK 40 cannon with crew and German 8 cm mortar crew. One diorama has a German communication NCO maintaining listening watch inside of a farmhouse serving as a command post. Several German soldiers have sought refuge in the house. Inside the house there are fine examples of the MP 44 series and the MG 42. At each display there are literally hundreds of genuine artifacts that have been assembled to provide realism and authenticity.



*Diorama of German MG 42 machine gun nest. Photo Bernie Breighner*



Some of the more interesting exhibits include a bicycle that was modified to carry two Model 30 Panzerfaust. The bike has a specially made bracket that fits over the front tire that allows the two Panzerfaust to be cradled on either side. Hanging in a hallway is a rusted out Browning AN M2 aircraft machine gun that was found in a farmers field years after the war. If you look closely into the action you can see a rusted link and .50 shell still inside. There are so many details that have been included to create realism. For instance, if you look into the chamber of a Thompson M-1 being held by a serviceman accepting the surrender of a German, it holds a .45 ACP round.

*German bicycle with two Model 30 Panzerfaust. Photo Peng 14 under GNU Free Documentation Lic.*

As you travel through the museum's passageways, you are constantly presented with a balanced perspective of the war. The goal of the museum is to provide an objective historical view from all parties that were involved. Some of the most visually moving parts of the museum are located on the stairwells and small spaces along the walls. The museum has obtained uncensored pictures depicting the aftermath of battle from both sides. These scenes of death and destruction complete the picture of what it was like to be in combat in the Ardennes.

The top two floors of the museum are dedicated to the Luxembourg military and the exhibits cover the Luxembourg army in World Wars 1 and 2, stories of Luxembourg veterans, and the contingent in the Korean War. These displays are virtually a history of military firearms from the Maxim to the M-60. Some of the more notable firearms was a 4" barreled P14 or P-17 and an even shorter barreled Mauser 98K that was used by the resistance forces against the Germans occupiers. One display depicts an M-40 recoilless cannon mounted on the back of a US jeep. Other displays depict a US made 105 Howitzer and gun crew and a TOW launcher and crew waiting in a snowstorm for their next prey. There is a display of modern weapons including MAG 58, Dutch service FN FAL, UZI fixed and folding stock models, French GIAT MAS and a British L1 A1. A very nice Bren CDN that was manufactured for the Chinese in 7.92mm by Ingliss of Canada is included in a display of Korean War weapons. There are several Lewis guns presented; one is the WW I Lewis in .303 British and the other is a Lewis K machine gun from WW II in .303. The Luxembourg military is small compared to its European neighbors, but the displays paint a picture of a proud and active role in worldwide operations.

This museum has one of the best collections of World War 2 military weapons in Europe. What really sets this museum apart are the numerous dioramas depicting soldiers at war. These displays are the heart of the collection and every effort has been made to keep them authentic and historically accurate. The town of Diekirch is about a 3-hour drive from Frankfurt, Germany. The address 10, Rue Balmertal, L9209 Diekirch, Luxembourg. The museum is normally open from 10:00AM-6:00PM Tuesday thru Sunday, closed Mondays. Admission is 5 Euros for adults, 3 Euros for ages 10-18 and free for children under 10 years. There are audio guides and parties can book private tours. Telephone: +352-80-89-08. For additional information visit the museum website at <http://www.mnhm.net/ng/>.



## ★ 2020 Presentation List ★

All upcoming membership meetings for 2020 have been canceled;

DATE	PRESENTATION	PRESENTER
<del>September 24<sup>th</sup></del>	<del>My Favorite Gun</del>	<del>CANCELLED VGCA Members</del>
<del>October 22<sup>nd</sup></del>	<del>German Weapon Markings</del>	<del>CANCELLED Dave Litchfield</del>
November	No membership meeting scheduled due to our Fall Gun Show	
<del>December TBD</del>	<del>Holiday Pot Luck and Annual Swap Meet</del>	<del>CANCELLED</del>



## ★ Upcoming Events and Shows ★

**PLEASE NOTE:** Gun Shows appear to be coming back in our area after a several month hiatus due to COVID-19 Quarantines. Members are strongly encouraged to verify shows before driving to an event. These dates were verified as this newsletter was written, but are not guaranteed.

### VIRGINIA – 2020

- Oct 2-4, 2020 – Chantilly, VA – Dulles Expo Center – *Showmasters*
- Oct 10-11, 2020 – Virginia Beach, VA – Virginia Beach Convention Center – *SGK*
- Oct 10-11, 2020 – Dale City, VA – Dale City VFW – *Showmasters*
- Oct 10-11, 2020 – Salem, VA – Salem Civic Center – *C&E*
- Oct 10-11, 2020 – Winchester, VA – Winchester Sportsplex – *Sporting Shows Unlimited*
- Oct 17-18, 2020 – Doswell, VA – Meadow Event Park – *SGK*
- Oct 17-18, 2020 – Roanoke, VA – The Berglund Center – *Showmasters*
- Oct 24-25, 2020 – Fredericksburg, VA – Fredericksburg Expo & Convention Center – *SGK*
- Oct 31-Nov 1, 2020 – Harrisonburg, VA – Rockingham County Fairgrounds – *Showmasters*
- Nov 6-7, 2020 – Manassas, VA – Prince William County Fairgrounds – *VGCA (our show!)*
- Nov 14-15, 2020 – Richmond, VA - Richmond International Raceway – Capital of the Confederacy Civil War Show - *MK Shows*
- Nov 14-15, 2020 – Richmond, VA – Old Kmart (4715 Nine Mile Road) - *Showmasters*
- Nov 14-15, 2020 – Woodstock, VA – Woodstock Moose Lodge – *Sporting Shows Unlimited*
- Nov 20-22, 2020 – Chantilly, VA – Dulles Expo Center – *Showmasters*
- Nov 28-29, 2020 – Hampton, VA – Hampton Roads Convention Center – *SGK*
- Dec 5-6, 2020 – Fishersville, VA – Augusta Expo – *Showmasters*
- Dec 12-13, 2020 - Fredericksburg, VA – Fredericksburg Expo & Convention Center – *SGK*
- Dec 19-20, 2020 – Doswell, VA – Meadow Event Park – *SGK*
- Dec 19-20, 2020 – Dale City, VA – Dale City VFW – *Showmasters*
- Dec 19-20, 2020 – Salem, VA – Salem Civic Center – *C&E*

## MARYLAND – 2020

- ⇒ ~~Oct 9-11, 2020 – Bel Air, MD – American Legion Harford Post #39 – Cancelled~~
- ⇒ Oct 17-18, 2020 – Timonium, MD – Timonium Fairgrounds - *Appalachian Promotions*
- ⇒ Nov 14-15, 2020 – Frederick, MD – Frederick Fairgrounds - *Appalachian Promotions*
- ⇒ Dec 12-13, 2020 – West Friendship, MD – Howard Cnty Fairgrounds – *Appalachian Promotions*

## PENNSYLVANIA – 2020

- ⇒ Sep 25-27, 2020 – Long Pond, PA – Pocono Raceway – Great Pocono Arms & Military Show – *Tall Timber Tactical*
- ⇒ ~~Sep 26-27, 2020 – Waynesboro, PA – Waynesboro Fish & Game – Cancelled~~
- ⇒ Sep 26-27, 2020 – Allentown, PA – Allentown Econo Lodge – *Eagle Arms*
- ⇒ ~~Sep 26-27, 2020 – Philadelphia, PA – Philadelphia Nat'l Guard Armory - Cancelled~~
- ⇒ ~~Sep 26-27, 2020 – Washington, PA – Washington County Fairgrounds - Cancelled~~
- ⇒ Oct 3-4, 2020 – Hughesville, PA – Lycoming County Fairgrounds. – *Eagle Arms*
- ⇒ Oct 3-4, 2020 – Lewis Run, PA – Lewis Run VFD Station 6 – *Lewis Run VFD*
- ⇒ Oct 3-4, 2020 – Spring Brook, PA – Spring Brook Fire Co. – *Jaeger Arms*
- ⇒ ~~Oct 3-4, 2020 – Matamoras, PA – Best Western Inn at Hunt;s Landing – Cancelled~~
- ⇒ Oct 9-10, 2020 – Gettysburg, PA – Gettysburg Fire Dept. – *Hallowed Ground Militaria*
- ⇒ Oct 10-11, 2020 – East Berlin, PA – East Berlin Fish & Game – *East Berlin Fish & Game Assoc*
- ⇒ Oct 10-11, 2020 – Morgantown, PA – Morgantown Center – *Eagle Arms*
- ⇒ Oct 10-11, 2020 – Stroudsburg, PA – Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Co. – *Jaeger Arms*
- ⇒ ~~Oct 10-11, 2020 – Bloomsburg, PA – Bloomsburg Fairgrounds – Cancelled~~
- ⇒ Oct 17-18, 2020 – Allentown, PA – Allentown Fairgrounds – *Forks of Delaware Historical Arms*
- ⇒ Oct 17-18, 2020 – Monroeville, PA – Monroeville Convention Center – *Showmasters*
- ⇒ ~~Oct 17-18, 2020 – Quarryville, PA – Solanco Fairgrounds – Cancelled~~
- ⇒ ~~Oct 17-18, 2020 – Russell, PA – Lander Volunteer Fire Co. – Cancelled~~
- ⇒ Oct 23-25, 2020 – Phoenixville, PA – Greater Philadelphia Expo Center – *Eagle Arms*
- ⇒ Oct 24-25, 2020 – Gettysburg, PA – All-Star Events Complex – Gettysburg Civil War, Antique Gun & Militaria Show - *North-South Trader's Civil War Magazine*
- ⇒ Oct 24-25, 2020 – Sellersville, PA – Forrest Lodge VFW Hall and Club – *Jaeger Arms*
- ⇒ Oct 24-25, 2020 – York, PA – York Fairgrounds - *Appalachian Promotions*
- ⇒ Oct 25, 2020 – Portland, PA – William Pensyl Social Hall – *Portland Hook & Ladder Co. #1*
- ⇒ Oct 31-Nov 1, 2020 – Allentown, PA – Allentown Econo Lodge – *Eagle Arms*
- ⇒ Oct 31-Nov 1, 2020 – East Stroudsburg, PA – VFW Post #2540 – *Jaeger Arms*
- ⇒ ~~Oct 31-Nov 1, 2020 – Harrisburg, PA – PA Farm Show Complex – Cancelled~~
- ⇒ ~~Oct 31-Nov 1, 2020 – Lebanon, PA – Lebanon Valley Expo Center & Fairgrounds – Cancelled~~
- ⇒ Oct 31-Nov 1, 2020 – Allentown, PA – Allentown Econo Lodge – *Eagle Arms*
- ⇒ Nov 7, 2020 – Greencastle, PA – Allison-Antrim Museum – Greencastle Antique Arms Show – *Allison-Antrim Museum*
- ⇒ Nov 7-8, 2020 – Lake Harmony, PA – Split Rock Resort – *Eagle Arms*
- ⇒ Nov 7-8, 2020 – Brookville, PA – Jefferson County Fairgrounds – *Jefferson County Gun Show*
- ⇒ Nov 14-15, 2020 – Hazleton, PA – Genetti's Hotel – *Jaeger Arms*
- ⇒ Nov 14-15, 2020 – Morgantown, PA – Morgantown Center – *Eagle Arms*
- ⇒ ~~Nov 14-15, 2020 – Wind Gap, PA – Plainfield Township Volunteer Fire Co. – Cancelled~~
- ⇒ Nov 15, 2020 – Portland, PA – William Pensyl Social Hall – *Portland Hook & Ladder Co. #1*
- ⇒ ~~Nov 21-22, 2020 – Philadelphia, PA – Philadelphia Nat'l Guard Armory - Cancelled~~
- ⇒ Nov 21-22, 2020 – Stroudsburg, PA – Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Co. – *Jaeger Arms*
- ⇒ Dec 5-6, 2020 – Allentown, PA – Allentown Fairgrounds – *Forks of Delaware Historical Arms*
- ⇒ Dec 5-6, 2020 – Monroeville, PA – Monroeville Convention Center – *Showmasters*



## PENNSYLVANIA – 2020 (continued)

- Dec 12-13, 2020 – Bloomsburg, PA – Bloomsburg Fairgrounds – *Eagle Arms*
- Dec 12-13, 2020 – Harrisburg, PA – PA Farm Show Complex – *C&E*
- Dec 18-20, 2020 – Phoenixville, PA – Greater Philadelphia Expo Center – *Eagle Arms*
- Dec 19-20, 2020 – Sellersville, PA – Forrest Lodge VFW Hall and Club – *Jaeger Arms*

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## 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](mailto:usarmsresearch@gmail.com)

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## FOR SALE:

★ Original Colt 1862 Pocket Navy, 5-shot .36 caliber. VGC. Includes original Colt bullet mold, Colt screwdriver and nipple wrench, original period powder flask, Eley cap tin and Taylor display case. \$2750 Now \$2595

★ FN Browning Hi-Power 9mm Luger CompaQ made in Belgium, 3.8" barrel, 6-10 round magazines, factory cleaning kit, safety lock, and hard case, Xlnt blue finish and bore, DA decocker originally developed for Belgian military. \$1295

★ Smith and Wesson 1912, .38 S&W New Departure or Lemon Squeezer, 5-shot revolver, rare 4 inch barrel, sharp nickel plating, minty bore, pearl grips and original factory letter. EC. \$749

If interested, call 571-308-4978 or send email to [jrbzn13@aol.com](mailto:jrbzn13@aol.com)

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**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.

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**FOR SALE:**

★ VGCA member Terry Philippy offered up this book for 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](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>

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**FOR SALE:**

★ Hi-Standard Derringer, blued, .22 Magnum, with case, instructions, and warranty card.

\$400.00 firm

★ Remington Model 48 “Sportsman,” 16-ga, 26” barrel with Poly-choke plus a 25-round box of

Federal ammo. \$375.00

Contact Jack for details at [looney.house@verizon.net](mailto:looney.house@verizon.net)

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**FOR SALE:**

★ S&W Model 4013 TSW in .40SW, 3 DOT Tritium Night Sights, Walt Freer Trigger Job, Hoge Grips, new Milt Sparks Black Leather Holster, new Mixon Black Leather 2-Mag Belt Pouch, 2 x 12-round S&W Magazines, 8 x 9-round S&W Magazines, soft side pistol bag, and over 300 rounds of .40SW ammo. Entire Package \$600.00

Buyer must have a Virginia CHP, be a credentialed LEO, or submit to a Virginia State Police background check. If interested, call John at 703-281-2478.

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**WANT TO BUY:**

★ Prospective 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](mailto:joe31968@yahoo.com)

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