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## September 2022 VGCA Newsletter



### President's Comments

With summer over and, hopefully, COVID in the rearview mirror, it is time to get back on track and prepare for our Fall Gun Show. Our Fall Show will be held on November 5-6 at the Prince William County Fairgrounds in Manassas. VGCA Show Manager Rick Nahas reports that there are still both sales and display tables available – so think about reserving a table. If

you are interested in putting together a display but have never done one before, please reach out to any of our officers or directors with your questions. Remember, displays are judged and we award cash prizes for First (\$300), Second (\$200), Third Place (\$100), and Judge's Choice (\$50). In addition, we offer a one-time stipend of \$100 for first-time displayers to help defray the costs of putting together a display. Finally, members can get up to two display tables FREE of charge. As for sales tables, with the mid-term elections just a few days after our Show and gun rights looking to be a major issue this cycle, we can expect a lively crowd. Our Board will be making an extra effort to increase our advertising outreach and road signs. Please do your part and talk-up the show. Invite friends, neighbors and co-workers. Hand out show flyers. And help out by volunteering to assist with set up or show security.

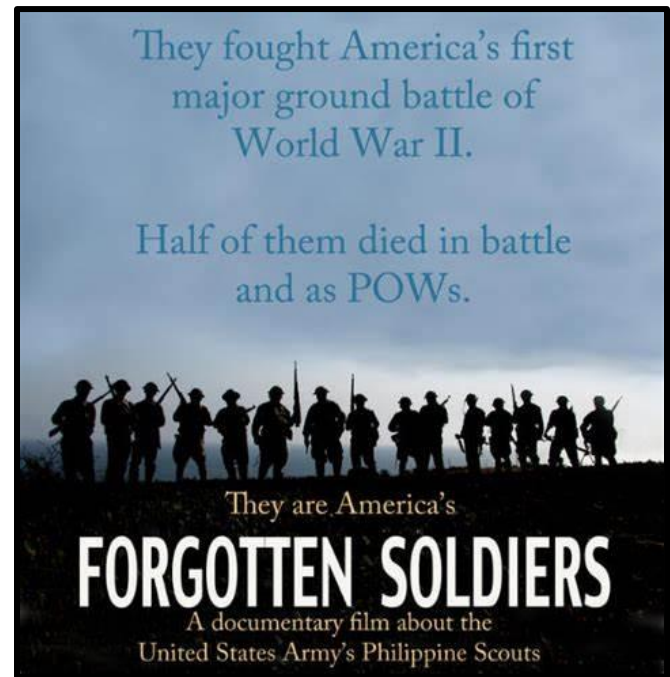
Our September meeting will feature a presentation on **Rook Rifles** by member Chip Smith. Take care, and I look forward to seeing you at the NRA on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

—*Ed Costello*, VGCA President

## ★ August Presentation – “Forgotten Soldiers”

This year marks the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States’ defense of Philippines during WWII. In many ways, the subsequent surrender of U.S. forces there represented a much greater defeat than the attack on Pearl Harbor. With the fall of Bataan Peninsula and surrender of Corregidor Island, over 70,000 U.S. and Philippine troops were captured by the Japanese. This represents the single largest surrender of soldiers in U.S. history, though it is largely unfamiliar to most Americans today. Our August presentation was a documentary film entitled “Forgotten Soldiers” and covered this period of WWII history.

This film was produced and directed by Mr. Donald Plata. It includes archival video, re-enactments, and interviews with historians as well as some of the soldiers that survived not only the four months of combat, but also over three years of captivity in Japanese hands. The film took seven years to produce and was released in 2012.



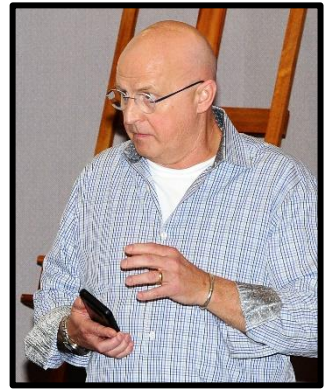
It opens by describing the “Philippine Scouts.” These units, consisting of cavalry, infantry, and artillery, were made up of Philippine soldiers commanded and led by American officers. Initially formed in 1901, being accepted to or assigned to a Philippine Scout unit was considered an honor by both the Philippine soldier and American officers. Philippine Scout units were designated the most efficient units in the U.S. Army during the 1920s and 1930s. In 1935, the U.S. Congress passed legislation to grant the Philippine Islands their independence on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1946. To be able to provide for the defense of Philippines after independence, additional Philippine units were raised, albeit slowly.

Just hours after the Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941, the Japanese bombed U.S. bases in the Philippines. These attacks destroyed most of the U.S. B-17 bombers and P-40 fighters based in the islands. Capturing the Philippine Islands featured prominently in Japanese war plans and they allocated 80,000 troops to do so, figuring it would take 50 days. Against a spirited defense by the Philippine Scouts, it would end up forcing the Japanese to commit many more troops and take almost four months.

The film detailed the long retreat down the Bataan Peninsula following the Japanese landings, with U.S. and Philippine soldiers holding multiple defensive lines along the way. It would feature last cavalry charge in U.S. history, the first combat use of the M1 “Garand” rifle, and the awarding of the first three Medals of Honor during WWII. As the campaign wore on, the Japanese suffered multiple defeats and set backs, losing an estimated 4 soldiers for every 1 U.S./Philippine loss. Unfortunately, lack of resupply (especially food and medicine) began to degrade the combat effectiveness of the defenders. As one example, the defenders were forced to go on half rations on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1942. War correspondent Frank Hewlett even penned a poem about the desperate situation:

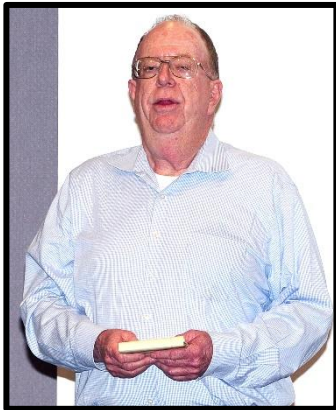


Treasurer Shannon Zeigler (*right*) gave a financial report, updating those present on VGCA's finances.



Member Phil Hill gave an update on the 4H "Trigger Time" air rifle team. They finished 7<sup>th</sup> out of 6914 teams at the recent 4H National Matches in Nebraska, supported in large part by individual and organizational donations from the VGCA. Most members of the team shot their personal best scores at the match and look forward to sharing their experiences with us at a future membership meeting.

Secretary Rob Becker thanked those members that contributed articles for the July-August issue of the newsletter.



George Dungan (*left*), still the Membership Chair in addition to VGCA VP, provided updated membership numbers. We have 428 Life Members, 77 Annual Members and 4 Applicants.

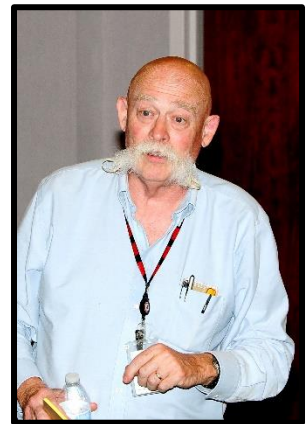
George asked for volunteers to man the VGCA Recruiting Table at the next Chantilly Gun Show (30 Sep – 2 Oct 2022). See details on next page.

George also noted that in addition to the VGCA's affiliation with the Potomac Arms Collectors Association (PACA) and the Northern Virginia Relic Hunters Association (NVRHA), we now have a cross-association with the Hampton Roads Military Society (HRMS). This will allow their members to enter our Gun Shows for free and allow us to join the HRMS on their field trips. For instance, there is an upcoming tour of the battleship *U.S.S. Wisconsin* – see details on page 14.

Finally, George made a pitch for members to consider displaying their collection at a future VGCA Gun Show. There will be presentation on displays at a future membership meeting. You can also review the article on Displays by Marc Gorelick and Rob Becker in the January 2022 VGCA Newsletter.

Show Director Rick Nahas provided a quick update on our November Gun Show. We still have 26 tables available. Set up will begin at 1 p.m. on Friday, 4 Nov 2022, with the show hours being 9 to 5 on Saturday, 5 Nov and 10 to 4 on Sunday, 6 Nov.

Former VGCA President Ernie Lyles (*at right*) noted that the NRA's National Firearms Museum has opened a new exhibit on the Medal of Honor and other decorations from the Revolutionary War to the Civil War. Before the Medal of Honor was established in 1861 (first for the U.S. Navy, then in 1862 for the U.S. Army), exemplary service in the U.S. military was recognized by the award of a sword or Hall rifle. The NRA's exhibit includes six of the swords, one rifle, and five Medals of Honor.



## ★ Chantilly Recruiting Table

We still need a couple of volunteers to help man the VGCA membership table at the upcoming Chantilly gun show on September 30th and October 1st and 2nd. If you work a full four hour shift you get in to the show for free. We don't require that you stay at the table the entire time, you are free to walk the show but we would like at least one person there at all times. If you are interested in working a shift, please contact George Dungan at 571-243-6387 or [george@eccominv.com](mailto:george@eccominv.com).

## ★ Membership Chairman's Report

**Membership Chairman's Report September 2022** – Please welcome the following new members to the Virginia Gun Collectors Association.

- **Parker Traxler** of Hume *sponsored by Al Reid*
- **David Perkins** of Centreville *sponsored by Keith Simmons*
- **William Gaston** of Manassas *sponsored by Bruce Buchner*
- **Dean Westman** of Fairfax *sponsored by William Melancon*

Thanks to the new members for their interest in the Virginia Gun Collectors Association and to their sponsors for promoting the Association and keeping the membership growing.

**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.

**Membership Numbers:** There are currently 428 Life members, and 81 Annual Members, for a total of 509 members in the Virginia Gun Collectors Association, Inc.

**VGCA Fall Show Recruiting Table:** We still have room for one or two more volunteers at the recruiting table at the upcoming VGCA gun show. If you work a full four hour shift you will receive a \$25 certificate that can be used at this or the spring show. Bruce Buchner is heading up this membership table and he can be reached at 703-307-7889 or [buchnerb@cox.net](mailto:buchnerb@cox.net).

**Membership Renewals:** Annual membership renewals are due by the end of the year. You may either renew annually or upgrade to life membership. The form below can be used for mail in renewals or you can renew in person with George Dungan at a VGCA meeting, the Chantilly gun show, or the VGCA gun show.

*George Dungan*, Membership Chair

Dues may be paid by mail by sending a Check for \$30 (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 – I have NO CASH for change) with a completed renewal form. If members have questions, please email **George Dungan, Membership Chair** at [george@eccominv.com](mailto:george@eccominv.com) or call me at 571-243-6387.

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## Membership Renewal Request (AMR-2023)

VGCA, Inc., P.O. Box 2318, Merrifield, VA 22116-2318

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 \$30.00 for CY 2022 VGCA Annual Membership dues.
- I wish to upgrade to Life Membership in VGCA. Enclosed is a check for \$150.00.
- Remove my name from the VGCA membership roster.

Make all checks payable to VGCA (Please - NO CASH or Money Orders). If members have questions, please email **George Dungan, Interim Membership Chair** at [george@eccominv.com](mailto:george@eccominv.com) or call me at 571-243-6387.

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# CMP UPDATE

*By Marc Gorelick, CMP Liaison*

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

## 1911 SALES PROGRAM ROUND 3 HAS STARTED!



Round 3 of the CMP's 1911 Sales Program started on September 1. This is your chance to purchase a surplus M1911A1, however you must act quickly because orders postmarked after September 30, 2022 will not be accepted. Go to the CMP website at <https://thecmp.org/sales-and-service/1911-information/> for the latest update and instructions on how to put in your order for a 1911. Make sure you are using the correct **CMP 1911 UNIVERSAL ORDER FORMS**, in the top right corner under the pistol, it will say **ROUND 3**. **The instructions provide a link to the correct order**

**form. When filling out the order form be sure to follow the instructions carefully.**

### GENERAL INFORMATION

**Orders must be postmarked NOT PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 and NOT AFTER SEPTEMBER 30, 2022.** Every applicant will be treated as a new customer to CMP 1911. **If you have already purchased a 1911 whether from the RGN system or the Auction site, YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO PURCHASE ANOTHER 1911.**

Previous purchases or relationships with CMP create no advantage or disadvantage to the customer. **The CMP 1911 Sales Program is an FFL governed operation and is a separate entity from CMP and has its own record keeping operation with no ties to the existing CMP records.** All ordering information is included in the CMP 1911 order packet. The information contained in the packet should answer **ALL QUESTIONS** regarding the ordering process.

Only **ONE** CMP 1911 order form packet per customer per envelope may be submitted. **ALL ORDER PACKETS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY AN INDIVIDUAL CUSTOMER IN AN INDIVIDUAL ENVELOPE. ANY ENVELOPE OR PACKAGE CONTAINING MORE THAN ONE ORDER PACKET WILL BE REJECTED. NO DUPLICATE ORDERS.**

CMP 1911 order form packet must be mailed to the following address. This includes USPS, UPS, Fed Ex, etc. Any orders received postmarked prior to September 1, 2022 or after September 30, 2022, will not be accepted. Hand delivered, emailed and faxed orders will not be accepted. Only orders sent to the following CMP 1911 address will be accepted:

**CMP 1911**  
**1800 Roberts Drive**  
**Anniston, AL 36207**

The Random Number Generator will provide a list of names in sequential order through the random picking process. Customers will be contacted in the sequence provided by the Random Number Generator. The CMP 1911 customers will select their grade of pistol (Service, Field, Rack or Range) from available inventory at the time of order notification. Customers with higher numbers may have fewer grades from which to choose. When the allotment of 1911s is exhausted, the remaining orders will be held in the existing sequence for all future allotments of 1911s. The CMP does not know what future allotments might be.

### **FFL INFORMATION**

At the time a customer is contacted they will be asked to submit a current FFL where their pistol will be sent. All 1911's will be shipped to a 01, 02 or 07 Federal Firearms License and **MUST** have normal business hours. Customers will have 5 business days from when contacted to provide CMP 1911 a signed FFL.

**Only FFLs with normal business hours may be used. Due to COVID 19, CMP 1911 can only ship to an FFL that is opened during normal business hours in order to lessen the possibility of the pistol being stolen. Pistols cannot be "held" at a Fed Ex location and if not delivered will be returned to CMP 1911. If a pistol is returned to CMP 1911 due to non-delivery, there will be a \$25.00 reshipment fee.**

CMP 1911 dedicated fax number (256) 831-2354 for FFL dealers to fax their FFLs with the customer's name attached. CMP 1911 dedicated email address [cmp1911FFL@thecmp.org](mailto:cmp1911FFL@thecmp.org) to send their FFLs with customer's name attached.

### **CMP 1911 PRICING**

**Service Grade \$1250.** Pistol may exhibit minor pitting and wear on exterior surfaces and friction surfaces. Grips are complete with no cracks. Pistol is in issuable condition. Pistols may contain commercial parts.

**Field Grade \$1150.** Pistol may exhibit minor rust, pitting, and wear on exterior surfaces and friction surfaces. Grips are complete with no cracks. Pistol is in issuable condition. Pistols may contain commercial parts.

**Rack Grade \$1050.** Pistol will exhibit rust, pitting, and wear on exterior surfaces and friction surfaces. Grips may be incomplete and exhibit cracks. Pistol requires minor work to return to issuable condition but is functional. Pistols may contain commercial parts.

**Range Grade \$1100.** These are 1911 pistols for those that want a part of history and a shooter, not a collectable. These are 1911s that have been modified in some way, and may have some commercial parts. No two (2) pistols are alike, the modifications / parts could be any of the following: Night Sights, extended Beaver Tail, Rubber Grips, Barrels, Oversized Slide Release, Target Triggers, Adjustable Rear Sights, Tactical Match Hammer, Competition Grip Safety, Sight Rib, Slides, Checkered Front Strap,



Ambidextrous Safety, Different Finishes. Some of the manufactures of these parts are: Bar-Sto, Wilson, Ed Brown, Pachmayer, Hogue, Caspian and Bomar.

**Auction Grade** (Sales will to be determined by auctioning the pistol). The condition of the auction pistol will be described when posted for auction.

All pistols are inspected and test fired by the CMP. The shipping cost is included in the price.

### **ADDITIONAL 1911 SALES PROGRAM INFORMATION**

Potential purchasers will have to provide CMP 1911 with a set of CMP 1911 documents exhibiting: 1) proof of U.S. Citizenship, 2) proof of membership in a CMP affiliated club, 3) proof of participation in a marksmanship activity, 4) a completed 1911 order form, including a new form 2A with notary, 5) a copy of current driver's license . All qualifying documents must be included in your order packet.

Two NICS background checks on each customer will be done. A NICS background check on each customer will be performed by the FBI to assure the customer is eligible to purchase prior to shipment to the FFL licensed dealer. The customer must receive a "proceed" from NICS prior to shipment of the pistol to the FFL licensed dealer.

After the pistol is delivered to the FFL dealer, the CMP1911 customer will be required to complete a Form 4473 in person at the FFL dealer's place of business and successfully pass a second NICS check, in which the information is provided by the FFL holder to NICS, before the pistol can be transferred.

No 1911s will be available in the CMP stores, or on-line. Only mail order sales will be accepted.

**Note: 1911 type pistols purchased from CMP 1911 cannot be transferred to 03 FFL Curio and Relic (C&R) license holders.** The CMP's legislation contained in the 2018 NDAA specifies FFL licensed dealers. BATF and the United States Army prefer the second background check be performed by the FBI on an FFL licensed dealer's premises.

The CMP 1911 customer service number is (256) 770-4744.

The CMP 1911 customer service email address is [cmp1911@thecmp.org](mailto:cmp1911@thecmp.org)

### **REASONS FOR TWO NICS CHECKS**

**First Reason:** The first NICS conducted by the FBI for the CMP 1911 makes sure the customer can legally possess the 1911 type pistol prior to shipping it to the local 01, or 02, or 07 FFL dealer. The CMP, Congress, and the United States Army do not want the 1911 to have to be returned to CMP 1911 if the purchaser is not legal to possess. The more time the pistol is in transit, the more likely it is that it could be lost or stolen. The second NICS check is performed by the FBI for the local 01, or 02, or 07 FFL in accordance with their standard transfer procedures and all federal, state, and local laws.

**Second Reason:** The CMP's enabling legislation mandated by Congress specifies that the purchaser "successfully pass a thorough and complete background check", i.e. NICS. CMP 1911 cannot turn any firearm over to the purchaser until it receives a "proceed" from NICS; the local FFL can turn the pistol over after 72 business hours have elapsed if they have not heard back from NICS. Turning the pistol over after 72 hours and not getting a "proceed" does not satisfy CMP's enabling legislation mandated by

Congress. This leaves CMP no choice but to have a NICS check performed by the FBI and to get a “proceed” to satisfy its enabling legislation, before shipping to the local 01, or 02, or 07 FFL dealer.



## PHIL SCHREIER – NEW DIRECTOR OF NRA MUSEUMS

The National Rifle Association (NRA) announced that Mr. Phil Schreier was appointed as the new Director of NRA Museums. Phil, a long-time VGCA Life Member, is the NRA’s best-known figure in the gun world when it comes to firearms, history, and our Second Amendment heritage. Phil has been an NRA National Firearms Museum staff curator for 33 years, starting as a curatorial assistant in 1989 at the previous National Firearms Museum in Washington, D.C., before being elevated to senior curator, a position he served in for most of his long career.



Phil has fulfilled many roles during his career with the NRA, including as manager of the NRA Gun Collecting Department, and as well as senior curator of exhibits at the NRA’s National Firearms Museum that opened in 1997 at the new NRA headquarters in Fairfax, Va. A prolific gun author, Phil has authored several books, as well as hundreds of articles for numerous gun magazines, including *Man at Arms*. Phil has been a face of NRA on television and the Internet for decades, including as co-host of *Gun Gurus* on the Outdoor Channel with former NRA Museums Director Jim Supica. Besides being a member of VGCA, Phil is also a member of the American Society of Arms Collectors and the Company of Military Historians.

As Director of NRA Museums, Phil will oversee the National Firearms Museum, the National Sporting Arms Museum and the Frank Brownell Museum of the Southwest. Congratulations, Phil!



## ★ Data Breach at Gunbroker.com?

Many of us use the on-line auction site Gunbroker.com when researching or acquiring additions to our collections, so a recent public release by Ammo Incorporated may be of interest. Ammo Inc., the parent company of Gunbroker.com, announced on September 6<sup>th</sup> that Gunbroker Chief Strategy Officer Steven Urvan and CFO Susan Lokey were both placed on administrative leave effective immediately. Per their press release, “The company has reason to believe these individuals may have misappropriated the Company’s data and digital assets and transmitted that data to a third party controlled by Mr. Urvan and with which Ms. Lokey is associated.”

There is apparently more to this story than just a potential data breach (Gunbroker was acquired by Ammo Inc. last year and Mr. Urvan, who founded Gunbroker, was apparently seeking to be elected to the Ammo Inc. Board). Bottom line – if you are one of the 7 million registered users of this auction site, just be aware that your personal data may have been sent to a third party.



# VGCA GUNS OF DISTINCTION: JOSEF JUST O/U COMBINATION GUN

*By Marc Gorelick*

*Photos courtesy of Joh. Springers Erben, Vienna, Austria*



Among the gunmakers of Ferlach, Austria, Josef Just stands in the top rank. Known for the excellence and precision of his products, his guns are true works of art. Although he is now retired, his guns still bring a premium and are valued by discerning shooters and collectors. While not among his most ornate, this over/under combination gun is a good example of his work.



Made in 1986 the gun has two 25.6 inch (65cm) long barrels, the rifle barrel in 7x65mm R and the full-choked shotgun barrel in 12 gauge. The gun has an engine-turned rib, folding rear sight, automatic sliding tang safety, double triggers with single set trigger in front, Kersten crossbolt, sling swivels, rubber butt-pad and a Deeley latch on the forend. Like some other Josef Just long guns, this one has an in-stock magazine in the bottom of the buttstock that holds four cartridges.





The bright side plates are decorated with highly detailed chiseled game scenes of red deer on the left side and a fox with ducks on the right side. There is an engraving of a capercaillie on the action bottom, a woodcock on the trigger guard, a partridge on the pistol grip cap, and a squirrel on the pierced top lever. There is an engraving of a roe buck on the cover of the in-stock magazine. There are borders of delicate inlaid gold ribbons. (Note: A capercaillie is a large North European grouse of mature pine forests. Also called a wood grouse or "horse of the wood" it is a popular game bird with a plump body and a fan-like tail.)



The select oiled walnut stock is has beautiful patterns that practically glow. The stock is heavily carved, the pistol grip with a cravat and the Bavarian cheekpiece with double folds. Instead of checkering it has hand carved fish scales on the pistol grip and forend that are bordered by ornate floral motifs. The optics are a German claw mounted Swarovski Habicht Nova 6x42, with reticule 4A.



This gun was sold at a Joh. Springer auction in Vienna, Austria for \$5,678 (5,000 euros).



## ★ Tour of the *U.S.S. Wisconsin*

The HRMS tour of the battleship *U.S.S. Wisconsin* (BB64) is scheduled for Saturday, 15 October at 11:00 and the cost is \$35.20. Interested parties may contact VGCA VP George Dungan for more information. The Virginia Beach gun show is the same weekend, so spend the night and attend both!



## ★ Annual Tank Farm Open House Coming up on 24 & 25 September

Held annually in Nokesville, Virginia to benefit the “Americans in Wartime Experience,” the Tank Farm Open House is always a fun event for the entire family. Who doesn’t like to see large military vehicles on display or roaring around on a muddy track? Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, there is plenty to experience, including military tanks and armored vehicles spanning over 80 years, K9 demonstrations, veteran interviews, living history unit displays and reenactments, historical displays, veteran support

groups, children’s activities, food vendors, flame thrower demos and much more!

Photos are from last year’s open house - reenactors relax on an M4 Sherman (above

right) while a Soviet PT-76 armored personnel carrier is put through its paces for the crowd (left).



Go to this link for more information: [Open House 2022 | Americans in Wartime Experience](#)

## ★ In Review ★

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

## ***A TRIP TO THE MUSEUM:***

# *American Revolution*



## **MUSEUM AT YORKTOWN®**

***By Marc Gorelick***



While the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown, Virginia is not a firearms museum, it does have numerous period firearms and other weapons on display. The museum tells the story of the nation's founding, from the twilight of the colonial period in the mid 1700's to the dawn of the Constitution. Numerous galleries feature period artifacts, immersive environments, dioramas, interactive displays and films that bring the revolution to life. Until the opening of the American Revolution Museum in Philadelphia, this museum at Yorktown was considered the best Revolutionary War museum in the United States and it is still up there.

The 22,000 square feet of permanent exhibition galleries contain an incredible amount of detailed information about the American Revolution and life during that time. Theaters continuously show historical movies throughout the day.

The displays are organized in five major themes. These are:

**The British Empire and America** examines the geography, demography, culture and economy of America prior to the Revolution and the impact of the Seven Years' War (French and Indian War) which ended in 1763 and resulted in expansion of Britain's territory in North America and efforts to compel the North American colonies to help pay the war's costs.

**The Changing Relationship – Britain and North America** describes rising tensions between the American colonies and chronicles the growing rift with Britain.

**Revolution** traces the war from the battles of Lexington and Concord in 1775 to victory at Yorktown in 1781 and the aftermath. Naturally, as this theme addresses the military dimension, most of the weapons on display are featured these exhibits. Three battles – the 1775 Battle of Great Bridge in Virginia, the 1777 Battle of Saratoga in New York, and the siege of Yorktown are highlighted.

**The New Nation** takes the story of America forward from the 1783 Treaty of Paris recognizing the United States as an independent nation, through the Articles of Confederation to the Constitutional Convention of 1787 and the formation of the national government in 1789.

**The American People** explores the emergence of a distinctive national identity following the Revolution, influenced by immigration, internal migration, and demographic, political and social changes.



Of course, there are weapons on display, including a number documented to historical figures. The guns on display are a fairly good representation of the long arms, pistols and swords used by the combatants: English, American, French, Spanish, German and Dutch. Among the rarer pieces is a first-model “Brown Bess” British infantry musket dated 1741 and a very early American long rifle. The museum is big on interactive displays and one of the more interesting displays demonstrated the charging and firing of a flintlock musket. However, not all the cannon on display are real. For example, the French 24 pdr. siege gun is a replica.

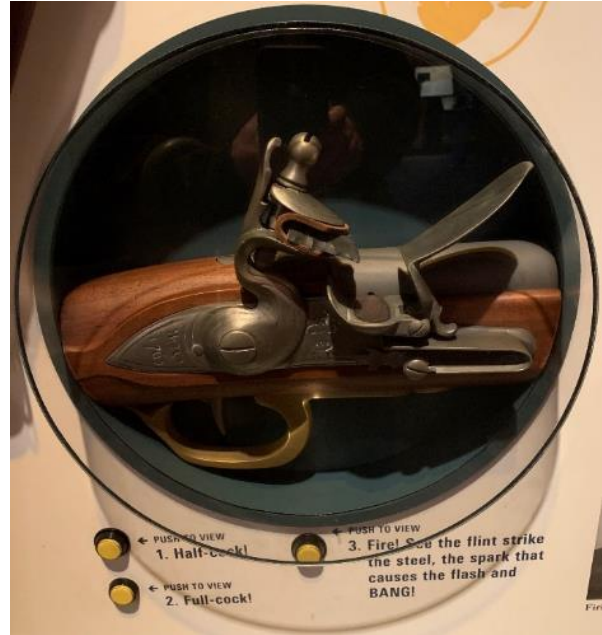
The museum is objective in its relating the history of the Revolution, and tells the good and bad of both sides. It also covers topics that are not normally covered in the school lessons, such as the pre-war, wartime, and post-war effects of the war on African-Americans and the Native-American tribes who fought on both sides. (Actually, almost all the tribes supported the British because they knew that they would be in dire straits if the Americans won the war.)

Three negative features of the museum are: 1) the flow of the indoor displays can be confusing and some felt that it was not chronologically ordered; 2) for gun collectors, guns were not the focal point of the museum and this was reflected in the displays, and; 3) the museum was dark, probably to emphasize the dramatic effect of certain displays, and the lighting in the displays of guns and other weapons often left a lot to be desired. The guns were also far from the glass and this, when added to the poor lighting, made it sometimes hard to make out details. On the other hand, some of the weapon display cases were two sided, so a visitor could examine the weapons from both sides, and the signage was generally good.





Displays of weapons. Photo left is a two-sided case. Photo right is a display of cavalry weapons. While the signage was generally good, with full descriptions, the display cases were not well lit.



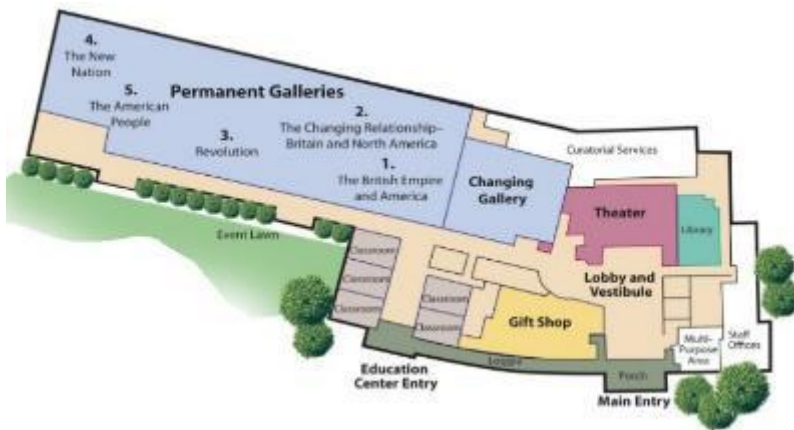
Photos left and above – Interactive display showing how a flintlock action works.



A major feature of the museum that will be of interest to those of military historical bent is the recreation of a Continental Army encampment. Representing two companies of American soldiers (one-quarter of a regiment), the encampment features rows of soldiers' tents, an office for an adjutant or secretary, two captains' quarters and an earthen "kitchen" modeled after specifications in Baron von Steuben's 1779 "Regulations for the Order and Discipline of the Troops of the United States." Historical reenactors explain army life and demonstrate firing muskets and cannon.

The museum is on one side of Yorktown, and a free shuttle bus travels between it and the Yorktown Battlefield Visitor Center and Museum on the other side of the town, with stops in between. The museum is open year-round 9:00am to 5:00pm daily, except Christmas Day and New Year's

Day. You should allow three to four hours for the museum. There is a well-stocked gift shop with period replicas, souvenirs, toys, games, and books. The café has a varied menu and is open from 10:00am to 3:00pm. If museum café fare is not for you then there are restaurants in nearby Yorktown near the shuttle bus stops, some of which overlook the York River.



The American Revolution Museum at Yorktown is located at 200 Water Street, Route 1020, Yorktown, 23690, a short drive from Newport News. Tickets are bit pricey. Between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023 the cost of an adult ticket is \$18 and \$9 for a youth ticket. Combination tickets with the Jamestown Settlement are \$30 for adults and \$15 for youths. Group rates are different and guided tours are available. There is plenty of free parking.

The thing to remember is that the American Revolution Museum is not a firearms museum. It is a history museum that has guns. And, while not impressive as a pure firearms museum it is more than successful as a history museum that tells the story of our nation's founding.





Member 1 shared an Italian Vetterli-Vitalli M1870/87 (*above*). This bolt action military rifle started as a M1870 single shot chambered in 10.35x47 Rimmed. Beginning in 1887, these were converted to repeaters using the Vitalli box magazine system and 4-round en bloc clips. During World War I, most of these were further converted to fire the much higher pressure 6.5x52 Carcano round – a decidedly bad idea! This particular example was originally manufactured by Brescia in 1877, was converted in 1889, and is in great condition!



Member 2 brought in a retro semi-automatic AR10 rifle (*above*). Commissioned by Brownells, these reproductions are based on the SR-25 and feature the top charging handle, squared off magazine well, and are chambered in 7.62 NATO, just like the original Cuban contract pattern. It even comes with one 20-round reproduction “waffle” magazine! Ian McCollum did a video on this gun four years ago – see it here: [Brownells BRN-10A: A Retro Cold War AR-10 Reproduction - Bing video](#)



Member 3 shared an old “hand cannon” (*at left*) that he purchased at a flea market about 20 years ago. It is a black powder muzzle loader made of bronze and of about .60 caliber. That is all that is known. Devoid of markings, it has defied attempts to determine the country of origin – or even an era. It does have trunnions and a hole in the back to accept a stock. It possibly came from the Philippines (conjecture) and is at least 125 years old (but possibly 200-300 years old). The pintle mount, base, hand stock, and ramrod are all reproductions.

Member 4 brought in a Colt M1917 revolver (*at right*) with a story connecting it to the Philippines. The Model 1917 was a substitute standard sidearm procured for the U.S. during WWI when demand far exceeded production for the standard M1911 pistol. Both Colt and Smith & Wesson produced M1917 revolvers chambered in .45 ACP that utilized two “half moon” clips, each holding three rounds of ammo, so the rimless cartridge could be fired from a revolver cylinder.

The Philippine connection of this particular example is that it was captured by U.S. private Maurice I. Greenspan of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division late in WWII. The presumption is that this M1917 was initially captured by a Japanese soldier when the Philippines were invaded by Japan in 1941 before it changed hands back to the U.S. in 1945.



# ★ 2022 Presentation List ★

MEETING DATE	TOPIC	PRESENTER
22 Sep 2022	Rook Rifles	Chip Smith
27 Oct 2022	Admiral John Dahlgren–Father of Naval Ordnance	Marc Gorelick

We are still putting together the presentation schedule for 2022. If you have any suggestions – or would like to make a presentation yourself – please contact one of the VGCA officers or directors.

## ★ 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.

### VIRGINIA – 2022

- ⇒ Sep 30-Oct 2, 2022 – Chantilly, VA – Dulles Expo Center – *Showmasters*
- ⇒ Oct 8-9, 2022 – Salem, VA – Salem Civic Center – *C&E Gun Shows*
- ⇒ Oct 15-16, 2022 – Virginia Beach, VA – Virginia Beach Convention Center – *SGK*
- ⇒ Oct 15-16, 2022 – Wytheville, VA – Apex Expo Center – *Showmasters*
- ⇒ Oct 22-23, 2022 – Fredericksburg, VA – Fredericksburg Expo & Conference Center – *SGK*
- ⇒ Oct 22-23, 2022 – Warsaw, VA – Times Square Shopping Center – *Richmond Co Vol Fire Dept*
- ⇒ Oct 29-30, 2022 – Chesapeake, VA – Chesapeake Convention Center – *SGK*
- ⇒ Oct 29-30, 2022 – Harrisonburg, VA – Rockingham County Fairgrounds – *Showmasters*
- ⇒ Nov 12-13, 2022 – Richmond, VA – Richmond International Raceway – *Showmasters*
- ⇒ Nov 18-20, 2022 – Chantilly, VA – Dulles Expo Center – *Showmasters*
- ⇒ Nov 26-27, 2022 – Hampton, VA – Hampton Roads Convention Center – *SGK*
- ⇒ Dec 3-4, 2022 – Fishersville, VA – Augusta Expo – *Showmasters*
- ⇒ Dec 10-11, 2022 – Fredericksburg, VA – Fredericksburg Expo & Conference Center – *SGK*
- ⇒ Dec 17-18, 2022 – Salem, VA – Salem Civic Center – *C&E Gun Shows*
- ⇒ Dec 30-Jan 2, 2023 – Chantilly, VA – Dulles Expo Center – *Showmasters*

### MARYLAND – 2022

- ⇒ Sep 23-25, 2022 – Ocean City, MD – Ocean City Convention Center – *Showmasters*
- ⇒ Oct 7-9, 2022 – Bel Air, MD – American Legion Harford Post #39 – *American Legion*
- ⇒ Oct 15-16, 2022 – Timonium, MD – Timonium Fairgrounds – *Appalachian Promotions*
- ⇒ Nov 5-6, 2022 – Easton, MD – Talbot County Community Center – *Eastern Shores Arms Collectors*
- ⇒ Nov 12-13, 2022 – Frederick, MD – Frederick Fairgrounds – *Appalachian Promotions*
- ⇒ Dec 10-11, 2022 – West Friendship, MD – Howard County Fairgrounds – *Appalachian Promotions*

### PENNSYLVANIA – 2022

- ⇒ Sep 16-18, 2022 – Long Pond, PA – Pocono Raceway – *Tall Timber Tactical*
- ⇒ Sep 16-19, 2022 – York, PA – York Expo Center – *Ohio Valley Military Society – Max Show*
- ⇒ Sep 16-17, 2022 – York, PA – York Expo Center-Memorial Hall West – *York Antique Arms Show*
- ⇒ Sep 17-18, 2022 – Sellersville, PA – Forrest Lodge VFW Hall and Club – *Jaeger Arms*
- ⇒ Sep 17-18, 2022 – Gettysburg, PA – Allstar Events Complex – *Eagle Shows*

## PENNSYLVANIA – 2022 (continued)

- ⊖ ~~Sep 17-18, 2022 – Wind Gap, PA – Plainfield Township Vol Fire Company – CANCELLED~~
- ⊖ Sep 24-25, 2022 – Blossburg, PA – Blossburg Volunteer Fire Dept – *Bear Arms Promotions*
- ⊖ Sep 24-25, 2022 – Gettysburg, PA – Redding Auction - *Central Pennsylvania Antique Arms Association*
- ⊖ Sep 24-25, 2022 – Spring Brook, PA – Spring Brook Fire Co. – *Jaeger Arms*
- ⊖ Sep 24-25, 2022 – Trevoise, PA – Radisson Philadelphia Northeast – *Eagle Shows*
- ⊖ Sep 24-25, 2022 – Washington, PA – Washington PA County Fairgrounds – *ARH Sport Shop*
- ⊖ ~~Oct 1-2, 2022 – Greeley, PA – Kahr Arms – Jaeger Arms – CANCELLED~~
- ⊖ Oct 8-9, 2022 – Allentown, PA – Parkview Inn & Conference Center – *Eagle Shows*
- ⊖ Oct 8-9, 2022 – East Berlin, PA – East Berlin Fish & Game - *East Berlin Fish & Game*
- ⊖ Oct 8-9, 2022 – Quarryville, PA – Solanco Fairgrounds - *Southern Lancaster County Farmer-Sportsmen's Association*
- ⊖ Oct 8-9, 2022 – Slatington, PA – Slatington Farmers Market – *Bear Arms Promotions*
- ⊖ Oct 8-9, 2022 – Tobyhanna, PA – VFW – *Jaeger Arms*
- ⊖ Oct 15-16, 2022 – Allentown, PA – Allentown Fairgrounds – *Forks of the Delaware Historical Arms Society*
- ⊖ Oct 15-16, 2022 – Bloomsburg, PA – Bloomsburg Fairgrounds – *Eagle Shows*
- ⊖ Oct 15-16, 2022 – Monroeville, PA – Monroeville Convention Center – *Showmasters*
- ⊖ Oct 21-22, 2022 – Shippenville, PA – Oak Grove Events Building – *Allegheny Log Homes*
- ⊖ Oct 21-23, 2022 – Oaks, PA – Greater Philadelphia Expo Center – *Eagle Arms*
- ⊖ Oct 22-23, 2022 – Harrisburg, PA – PA Farm Show Complex – *C&E*
- ⊖ Oct 29-30, 2022 – York, PA – York Fairgrounds - *Appalachian Promotions*
- ⊖ Nov 5-6, 2022 – East Stroudsburg, PA – VFW Post #2540 - *Jaeger Arms*
- ⊖ Nov 5-6, 2022 – Gettysburg, PA – Allstar Events Complex – *Eagle Shows*
- ⊖ Nov 5-6, 2022 – Leesport, PA – Leesport Farmers Market – *Appalachian Promotions*
- ⊖ Nov 11-12, 2022 – York, PA – Wyndham Garden York – *Historic Arms Collectors & Artisans - Eastern Pennsylvania Longrifle Show*
- ⊖ Nov 12-13, 2022 – Hermitage, PA – Veterans of Foreign Wars – *Canon's Gun Room*
- ⊖ Nov 12-13, 2022 – Muncy, PA – Lycoming Mall – *Bear Arms Promotions*
- ⊖ Nov 19-20, 2022 – Kempton, PA – Kempton Community Center – *Jaeger Arms*
- ⊖ Nov 19-20, 2022 - Morgantown, PA – Morgantown Expo Center – *Eagle Shows*
- ⊖ Nov 20, 2022 – Portland, PA – William Pensyl Social Hall - *Portland Hook & Ladder Co. #1*
- ⊖ Dec 3-4, 2022 – Allentown, PA – Allentown Fairgrounds – *Forks of the Delaware Historical Arms Society*
- ⊖ Dec 3-4, 2022 – Bloomsburg, PA – Bloomsburg Fairgrounds – *Eagle Shows*
- ⊖ Dec 3-4, 2022 – Monroeville, PA – Monroeville Convention Center – *Showmasters*
- ⊖ Dec 10-11, 2022 – Harrisburg, PA – PA Farm Show Complex – *C&E*
- ⊖ Dec 10-11, 2022 – Trevoise, PA – Radisson Philadelphia Northeast – *Eagle Shows*
- ⊖ Dec 16-18, 2022 – Oaks, PA – Greater Philadelphia Expo Center – *Eagle Arms*
- ⊖ Dec 17-18, 2022 – Sellersville, PA – Forrest Lodge VFW Hall and Club – *Jaeger Arms*

## SPECIAL EVENTS / SHOWS – 2022

- ⊖ Nov 19-20, 2022 - Wilmington, OH – Roberts Convention Centre – *Ohio Gun Collectors Association – welcoming the Contemporary Longrifle Association, the National Muzzleloading Rifle Association, and the Association of Ohio Long Rifle Collectors*

## 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 regards 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](mailto:rpebecker@verizon.net). I must receive your material no later than the second Sunday of the month for it to be included in that month's newsletter. Unless other arrangements are made, items will be listed for one issue of the Newsletter.

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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:

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

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**FOR SALE:**

★ A very nice McKeever cartridge box marked Watervliet Arsenal to include rounds of .45-70 ammo for sale (see photos). Asking price is ~~\$325~~. Now \$300



If interested, contact Jim Burgess at 703-361-1339 x1207 or [jim\\_burgess@nps.gov](mailto:jim_burgess@nps.gov)

**FOR SALE:**

★ Classic Winchester Model 12 20-gauge pump action shotgun. Rare 30" full choked barrel, tight action, safe queen, excellent bore, bluing and wood, 1946 production. ~~\$1195~~ Reduced to \$995

★ Smith and Wesson: The original centerfire 38 caliber (.38 S&W) handgun from 1876-1877. BABY RUSSIAN 5-shot, spur trigger w/ excellent bore and rare 4-inch barrel and block letter grips. All matching numbers, nicely nickel-plated, with authenticating S&W letter. \$1795

★ Browning HiPower, 9mm, EC, 2 magazines, box, manual. \$1595

★ Savage 99, .243 Winchester, EC, 30 rounds of ammo. \$1495

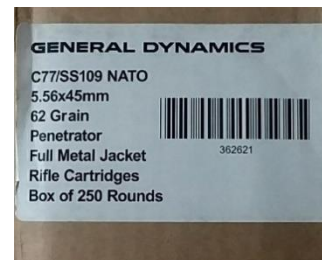
★ Rare S&W Single Action 3rd Model with special 5 inch barrel. Also known as the Model of 1891, I frame 5-shot revolver. \$2150. Antique, no FFL required

★ Marlin Model 90 20 gauge over/under. Excellent bores, standard chambers, double triggers, 28 inch barrels. GC. \$695. incl. ammo.

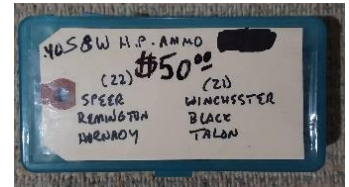
If interested, contact John at 571-308-4978

**FOR SALE:**

★ **5.56x45 NATO SS109 Ammo.** General Dynamics 62grain FMJ. Box of 250 rounds for \$160.00



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



⊛ **7.62x25 Tokarev Ammo.** Eastern Bloc surplus (dated 1984) in 72 round boxes. \$45 per box (6 available).

⊛ **Hornady .450 Nitro Express Ammo.** 3 ¼" 450 grain DGX, 20 round box, very limited production. \$125.00

⊛ **Cold Steel Sanburu Spear.** Three sections – head/blade, shoe/butt spike, and double taper hardwood handle. \$65.00



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

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## FREE!

⊛ **8mm Egyptian Mauser ammo (estimated from mid 1950's).** Approximately 700 rounds with Berdan Primers and 196gr projectiles. I tried to shoot several of these and All were misfires!

**FREE to first person who comes to get them (located in Stafford, VA).**

Contact Joe at 571-278-3297

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