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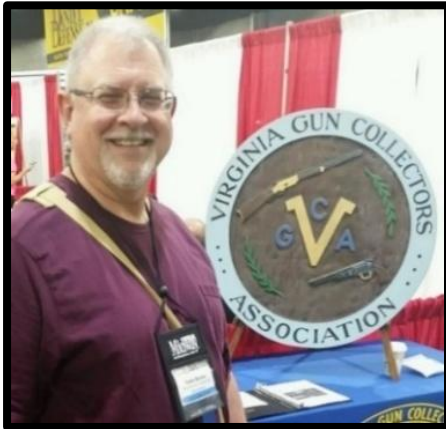
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November-December 2025 VGCA Newsletter



PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Season's Greetings to our Members!

The festivities will begin with our annual Potluck Dinner and Swap Meet. Remember, the VGCA buys the ham and we ask that everyone attending bring either a side dish or a dessert. Dinner starts at 5 p.m. on Saturday, December 13th. While there isn't a scheduled presentation or planned Show-n-Tell, we are planning to make our annual donation to the National Firearms Museum. It will also be your last opportunity to

vote for the VGCA Member of the Year for 2025, with the results being announced at the January meeting.

Speaking of the January Membership Meeting – it will be held on Saturday, January 24th, starting at 2 p.m. Shannon Zeigler will be giving a presentation on the German MG42. It should be a great way to kick off 2026! As a reminder, in an effort to increase participation at meetings by members who have a tough time attending on a work night, we will have two Saturday meetings next year (Jan 24 and Mar 28).

This is a final reminder that for the first time in at least twenty years, our Membership Dues will increase starting on January 1st. Annual Membership will bump up to \$40 and Life Membership will go to \$250. There is still time to renew at the old rates if you submit the paperwork and dues payment to George Dungan before the end of this year.

I hope to see you this Saturday afternoon. Happy Holidays to all!

Rob Becker, VGCA President

★ October Presentation: Passing the Gun – Inheriting Guns

Long-time VGCA member Phil Hill gave the presentation at the October Membership Meeting. The subject was “Passing the Guns – Inheriting Guns” and was a guided discussion of the best way of preparing your estate to transfer to the next generation.

Phil opened his “guided discussion” by asking the assembled group the following questions:

- Who has inherited a gun?
- Who has a will?
- Who has a gun trust?
- Who has a personal trust?



Many in the room responded that they had inherited firearms. Phil asked about how those firearms were transferred and in most cases, a surviving family member simply gave the firearm to the beneficiary. Phil noted that a will is a legal declaration of a person’s wishes for the disposition of their property after their death. Individual items – such as specific firearms - are not always listed in a will and it is therefore up to the executor of an estate to dispose of those items as they see fit. A trust, on the other hand, holds the title of the specified items, making ownership by the “trustee” much more clear-cut. Phil went on to describe what is required for a trust – to include a signed list of specific items (vehicles, guns, etc.). A trust can be updated to reflect additions or subtractions – all that is required is a new list that is signed by the trustee(s). For a fee, most lawyers can help with establishing both wills and trusts.

Phil observed that “Having no will equals having no plan, and having no plan is a Plan to Fail!”

Phil concluded with a discussion of what to do with your collections. Leaving a large gun collection for your heirs/beneficiaries to dispose of is actually leaving them with a sizable burden. Even taking a few dozen guns to your local gun shop to either buy outright or sell on commission will get your heirs just a percentage of the guns’ worth as there is “cost for convenience.” Often, the better plan is to start to downsize your collection sooner rather than later.

This was a thought-provoking presentation to be sure. Be sure to thank Phil the next time you see him for asking the important questions that many of us are hesitant to address or discuss!

NOTE: Based on the extensive question and answer period afterward, there is obviously a lot of interest in this area and we will try to get an estate lawyer to speak to us in the future!



★ Next Membership Meeting: Saturday, Dec 13th Annual VGCA Holiday Potluck and Swap Meet Location: NRA HQ Basement Auditorium



Our December VGCA Membership Meeting will be in the basement auditorium of the NRA Headquarters. The room will open at 4 p.m. and our Potluck Dinner will start at 5 p.m. The VGCA will provide a ham and we ask that everyone who attends please bring a side dish or dessert. This meeting will also be our annual Swap Meet, so brings those extras from your collection to sell or trade. There won't be a formal presentation, but we will make our annual contribution to the NRA National Firearms Museum. This will also be your last opportunity to vote for the VGCA Member of the Year. Join us for good food and fellowship – we hope you can make it!

★ 2025/2026 Presentation & Event List

MEETING DATE	TOPIC	PRESENTER
13 Dec 2025	Holiday Potluck Dinner and Annual Swap Meet – no presentation	
24 Jan 2026 (Sat)	The German MG42	Shannon Zeigler
February 2026	No Meeting due to Spring Gun Show (28 Feb – 1 Mar)	
28 Mar 2026 (Sat)	The Beretta 92 – Part 1	Louie DiGaetano
23 Apr 2026	Spanish 'Tubular' Pistols – Astra & Clones	Jaume Canaves
28 May 2026	Colt Mk III J-Frames	Jim Ashing
25 Jun 2026	Suhl Weapons/German Hunting Guns and Laws	Clayton Vieg
23 Jul 2026	Expanded Show-n-Tell – Theme "Guns I paid too much for"	

If you have any presentation suggestions or would like to make a presentation yourself in 2026 (September and October are still open) – please contact Chris Britton or any officer or director.

★ Thank You to our Show Volunteers!

The final Nation's Gun Show at the Dulles Expo Center was held on November 21-23, 2025. The facility has been sold and will no longer be used for events. The promoter has already found an alternate location in Manassas, but the two decades of shows at the familiar Expo Center have come to an end.

A special "thank you" goes out to Bruce Buchner and his crew of volunteers for "talking up" the VGCA and our gun shows with prospective members and attendees at this final Dulles event. Our volunteers included Keith Simmons, Glen Ruh, Mike Jambrosic, Troy Blackwood, King Von Schilling, Dean Westman, and George Dungan. Thank you all!

As we start the next chapter of VGCA Recruiting Tables wherever the Nation's Gun Show takes us, we want to thank all the VGCA members that have manned our tables over the past several years. Job well done!



★ October Meeting Notes

The meeting was called to order by VGCA President Rob Becker at 7 p.m. VGCA President Emeritus Jim Burgess led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, with 38 members and guests in attendance and 13 more participating remotely via JITS. Guests and new members were introduced.

President Rob Becker had the unhappy duty of announcing that, due to a schedule conflict with the Smith & Wesson staff, our tour of their factory in Maryville, Tennessee scheduled for November 14th has been postponed. Our new plan is to reschedule this tour for the spring of 2026, possibly in conjunction with a tour of the Beretta Factory in Gallatin, Tennessee. Keep checking the newsletter for updates.

Show Director Andrew Woodard gave a quick update on our Fall Gun Show. He noted that there were only two tables still available for rent. UPDATE: by the time the gun show started all tables were rented!

We still need three security volunteers for Sunday afternoon of the show. UPDATE: all security positions were filled during the show!

VGCA Director Chris Britton announced that we were selling tickets for a 50/50 Raffle. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. The drawing will be held on Sunday of the gun show.

Rob also announced that voting had started for the VGCA 2025 Member of the Year. Voting will continue during the gun show and finish on the evening of our annual Holiday Potluck Dinner & Swap Meet to be held on December 13th with the winner being announced at our January Membership Meeting.

Speaking of the Holiday Potluck – VGCA will buy the ham and we ask that everyone participating bring either a side dish or a dessert. We hope to see you on December 13th!

Members were reminded that the Virginia state elections would be held on Tuesday, November 4th. This will be a critical election for our gun rights, so members were encouraged to vote. UPDATE: the Virginia election results did not turn out well from a 2nd Amendment perspective. We can anticipate new state-wide gun control measures to be signed into law next year as our Governor-elect has already expressed her willingness to do so.

We are still looking for someone to give a presentation (or multiple people to give short 10-20 minute presentations) at our membership meetings in September and October next year.

Finally, member Bryan Pelton reminded everyone that there were still a few VGCA T-shirts left in sizes Medium and Large. The price has been reduced to \$10 each.



BAD MEN OF THE OLD WEST AND THEIR GUNS: PART 2

By Marc Gorelick and Mike Revesz

A short version of this article by Mike Revesz was originally published in the September 2025 issue of the Pennsylvania Antique Gun Collectors Association (PAGCA) Bugle. This is the second of a two part article about western “bad men” and their guns.

Wild Bill Hickok



James Butler “Wild Bill” Hickok’s set of ivory-gripped Colt Navy revolvers was almost as famous as the man himself. The one above is on display at the Buffalo Bill Center of the West in Cody, Wyoming.

Hickok was born on May 27, 1837 in Northern Illinois and was murdered on August 2, 1876 in Deadwood, South Dakota by Jack McCall. Growing up he was known as a good shot with a pistol and at age 18 he fled Illinois, mistakenly believing he had killed a man in a fight. He started his storied life and worked several jobs as a stagecoach driver, freight wagon driver, gambler, Union soldier, Army scout and frontier lawman, including as a Deputy U.S. Marshal. He was involved in a shooting in July 1861 when he was working for a freight company at Rock Creek Stage Station in Nebraska. One of the men killed was David McCanles, allegedly leader of the McCanles outlaw gang. His first lawman job was in 1858 when he was elected a constable in Monticello Township, Kansas. After the Civil War he went to Springfield, Missouri where he gambled and got into a famous duel with another gambler Dave Tutt over a watch that Tutt won from Hickok. On July 21, 1865, the two men faced off in Springfield's town square, standing sideways before drawing and firing their weapons. Their quick-draw duel was recorded as the first of its kind. Tutt's shot missed, but Hickok's struck Tutt through the heart from about 75 yards away. Tutt called out, "Boys, I'm killed" before he collapsed and died.

However, it was his time when he was the sheriff of Ellis County, Kansas, that stands out - he shot and killed two men within his first month on the job. After leaving Ellis County he became Marshal of Abilene, Kansas. During his time there, he had run-ins with the dangerous “shootists” John Wesley Hardin and Phil Coe. Hardin and Hickok got along but Coe, who was a gunman as well as part owner of the Bull’s Head Saloon had threatened Hickok. The two met one night when Hickok was facing down a crowd of drunken brawling cowboys. Coe pointed his gun at Hickok who drew his two pistols and shot Coe twice, mortally wounding him. Hickok, still facing down the cowboys in a tense standoff, heard someone running up behind him. He whirled around and quickly fired two more shots, accidentally

killing his friend, Abilene Special Deputy Marshal Mike Williams, who was coming to his aid. Reportedly, this was the last time that Hickok was ever involved in a gunfight; his accidentally killing Williams haunted him for the rest of his life. Less than two months later Hickok was relieved of his duties as marshal, supposedly because of questionable shootings and claims of misconduct.

Hickok's favorite firearms were a pair of ivory-handled .36 caliber Colt Model 1851 Navy revolvers (see photo above right). He usually wore his pistols butt-forward in a belt or sash. It is reported that when he was Marshal of Hays, Kansas, Hickok carried a British Adams and Dean (Beaumont Adams) .44 caliber double action percussion revolver. When he was killed he was reportedly carrying a Smith & Wesson Model No. 2 Army revolver, a five-shot, single-action, .32 rimfire pistol with a six-inch barrel, blued finish, and varnished rosewood grips, and a Sharps Model 1859 .32-caliber four-barreled rimfire derringer (also called a pepperbox).



*Adams and Dean (Beaumont Adams) .44 caliber double action revolver similar to one carried by Wild Bill Hickok.
Photo courtesy of Tim Prince, College Hill Arsenal.*

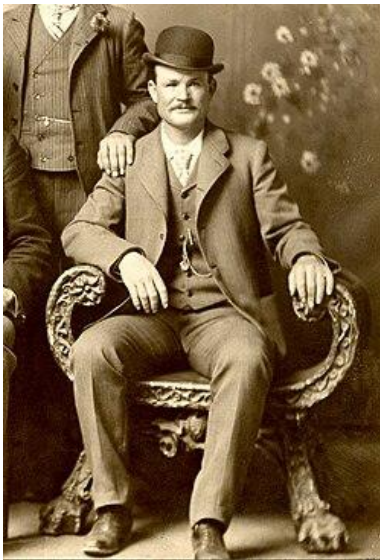


*Guns similar to those carried by Hickok when he was killed by Jack McCall in Deadwood, South Dakota. Top – A Smith & Wesson No. 2 Army. A tip-up, 5-shot, .32 caliber rimfire single action revolver.
Bottom – A Sharps Model 1859 .32 caliber rimfire 4-barrel derringer/pepperbox. Photos courtesy of Tim Prince, College Hill Arsenal.*

The Sharps is interesting because of its innovative design. This small single action gun has four fixed barrels that were fired by a rotating firing pin in the single hammer. Each time the hammer was cocked the firing pin rotated one quarter turn clockwise to bring it into alignment with the next barrel. It had a sheathed spur trigger that moved forward in its sheath each time the hammer was cocked. To load the pistols, the hammer was placed on half-cock and a button was depressed that released the barrels to slide forward on the frame.

After he was killed playing poker in Deadwood in 1876, the Cheyenne newspaper Daily Leader ran a story that described his Colt Navy revolvers as well as his skill with them: *“A bullet from them never missed its mark. Remarkable stories are told of the dead shootist’s skills with these guns. He could keep two fruit cans rolling, one in front and one behind him, with bullets fired from these firearms.”*

Butch Cassidy



Butch Cassidy, whose real name was Robert LeRoy Parker, was born in 1866 and was a thief, gambler, bank robber, train robber, and cattle rustler. A true bad man, Cassidy is primarily associated with a Colt Single Action Army in 45-caliber. The Colt SAA (pictured above right from NBC News) was purchased by Cassidy in 1896 in a hardware store in Vernal, Utah. A few years later, he turned the revolver over to the authorities in Utah as part of a plan to gain amnesty for his many crimes. Unfortunately, it didn’t work out, and the revolver became known as “the Amnesty Revolver.” Cassidy’s first [bank robbery](#) took place on June 24, 1889 where he and three others robbed The First Valley Bank in Telluride, Colorado of around \$21,000 after which they fled to the Robbers Roost, a remote hideout in the southeastern corner of Utah Territory. In 1894 Cassidy was arrested at Lander, Wyoming, for stealing horses. He was imprisoned in the [Wyoming State Prison](#) in [Laramie](#), where he served eighteen months, then was pardoned and released in January 1896. After his release from prison, Cassidy joined the Wild Bunch and subsequently met Harry Alonzo Longabaugh, better known as The Sun Dance Kid. In February of 1901 Cassidy and Longabaugh (and Longabaugh’s reported paramour, Etta Place) left New York City for Buenos Aires, Argentina due to pressure from the Union Pacific Railway and the Pinkerton Detective Agency. Cassidy and Longabaugh continued their outlaw ways in South America and are said to have died in San Vicente, Bolivia on November 6, 1908 as the result of a gun battle with local police and soldiers. The story is that with both were severely wounded and Cassidy killed Longabaugh to put him out of his misery and then killed himself with a shot to his temple. However, Cassidy’s (Parker) family

members claim that Cassidy visited them at different times starting in 1924 and that he died in 1937 and was buried in a remote part of family ground. Whatever the truth, Cassidy was a bad man with a gun.

John Wesley Hardin



Of all the early gunfighters, John Wesley Hardin was among the most dangerous. Rumor has it that he once shot a man for snoring. Hardin, a steely-eyed killer, was born in 1853 near Bonham, Texas. He was an outlaw, gunfighter and attorney who often got into trouble with the law from an early age. He killed his first man at the age of 15, claiming he did it in self-defense. Pursued by lawmen for most of his life, in 1877, at the age of 23, he was tried, convicted and sentenced to 24 years in prison for murder. At the time of sentencing, Hardin claimed to have killed 42 men. However, contemporary newspaper accounts attributed only a mere 27 deaths to him. The actual number, while unknown, is believed to be in excess of twenty. While in prison, Hardin studied law and wrote an autobiography that embellished his deeds. He was well known for exaggerating or fabricating stories about his life and claimed credit for many killings that cannot be corroborated.

Although Hardin was documented to have used both Colt Model 1877 Lightnings and Thunderers, he was known to prefer a Thunderer. He had a five inch, engraved, nickel plated, pearl handle .41 Thunderer with an ejector rod, and a 2 ½ inch, pearl handle ejectorless .38 Lightning. The Lightning and an Elgin watch had been presented to Hardin in appreciation for his legal efforts on behalf of his cousin “Killing Jim” Miller at Miller's trial for the killing of ex-sheriff George "Bud" Frazer. The Lightning is nickel-plated, with blued hammer, trigger, and screws. It features mother-of-pearl grips, and the back-strap is hand-engraved "J.B.M. TO J.W.H."



A Colt Model 1877 Double Action “Thunderer” .41 caliber similar to the one reportedly carried by John Wesley Hardin. This one has a 4 ½ inch barrel and pearl grips. Photo courtesy of Morphy Auctions, Denver PA.

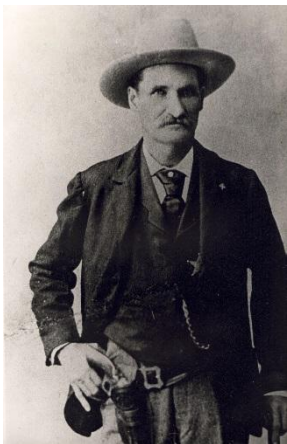
On the afternoon of August 19, 1895, in El Paso, Texas, Hardin threatened to kill Constable John Selman, Sr. and his son. Reportedly, Selman had arrested and imposed a \$50 fine on Helen Beulah Mrose, a fallen dove, who Hardin was exceedingly fond of. Later that evening, as Hardin continued drinking and playing dice in the Acme Saloon, Selman shot him from behind in the back of the head, the bullet exiting from an eye. Selman then fired three more times into the body, just to make sure. The Reverend E.W. Higgins, called to attend the body, was asked how Hardin had looked. "Better than I ever saw him," he replied. He added that if Hardin was shot through the eye from the front, "It would be remarkably good marksmanship," and if he was shot behind the right ear and not from the front, "it was probably remarkably good judgment."

Hardin was carrying a Smith and Wesson Double Action "Frontier" model, serial number 352 .44-40 caliber, with a 6-inch long barrel, the night he was shot and killed by Selman, Sr. This gun was sold at a Bonham's auction in Los Angeles, CA on August 27-28, 2021 for \$625,313.



A Smith & Wesson "Frontier" .44-40 caliber revolver similar to the one carried by John Wesley Hardin when John Selman, Sr. killed him. Photo courtesy of Morphy Auctions, Denver, PA.

John Selman, Sr.



John Henry Selman, the man who killed John Wesley Hardin, was another bad man with a gun and no man to trifle with. Born on November 16, 1839 in Madison County, Arkansas, he was sometimes an outlaw and sometimes a lawman. The Selman family moved to Texas in 1858 and Selman reportedly served in a Texas cavalry regiment during the Civil War. After the war Selman was both a county deputy sheriff and a cattle rustler in Texas. When vigilantes shot to death his crooked boss, the county sheriff in his own jail, Selman quickly moved west to Lincoln County, New Mexico where, during the Lincoln County War, he and his younger brother Tom Cat Selman, reportedly formed an outlaw gang, known as "Selman's Scouts" or "the Rustlers." They were aligned with the Dolan/Murphy faction and were notorious for their brutality - robbing stores, rustling cattle and horses, ransacking villages, raping women and murdering men and boys. By 1880, the band had been driven from Lincoln County, and began

operating in Jeff Davis County, Texas. Selman was soon captured by Texas Ranger Joe McKidriect, and taken to Shackelford County for trial. He escaped from the jail and fled to Mexico. After some time the Texas charges against him were dropped and in 1888 he returned to Texas and settled in El Paso, where he became a city constable and gambler.

On April 5, 1894, Selman killed former US Deputy Marshal and Texas Ranger Bass (Baz) Outlaw in El Paso. Outlaw was a handy man with a gun with a number of kills to his name but he had a serious drinking problem, which got him dismissed from both the Marshal Service and the Rangers. On the night Selman killed him, Outlaw was getting into a mean drunk in Tillie Howard's brothel and had shot the madame's brother. Selman and Texas Ranger Joe McKidriect (the same ranger who years before arrested Selman) challenged Outlaw who shot McKidriect. He then shot at Selman who returned fire and the two blazed away at each other. Selman was wounded but Outlaw fell to the ground, mortally wounded.

As related above, on August 19, 1895 Selman got into an altercation with John Wesley Hardin and shot Hardin in the back of the head while he was playing dice in the Acme saloon. Selman went on trial for Hardin's murder, but because of a hung jury he was released on bond. Selman used a Colt Model 1873 Single Action Army revolver to kill Hardin. It was .45 caliber with a 5 ½ inch long barrel. The gun was sold at a Bonham's auction in 2021 for \$858,313.

Less than a year later, Selman himself was killed in a shootout with US Marshal George Scarborough on April 6, 1896, during an argument following a card game. According to Scarborough's testimony at his trial, Selman and Scarborough had been playing cards and drinking when Selman said he wanted to talk privately. They went into an alley where Selman tried to recruit Scarborough in a scheme to break Selman's son (John, Jr.) out of a jail in Mexico. When Scarborough expressed sympathy but refused to go along with the scheme Selman flew into a rage, exclaiming "You God damned son-of-a-bitch, I am going to kill you!" Selman went for his gun but Scarborough was faster and Selman fell dead. Scarborough was acquitted and released. Selman was buried in an unmarked grave.

Dallas Stoudenmire



Standing 6' 2" in his socks, Dallas Stoudenmire was born December 11, 1845 in Macon County Alabama. After the Civil War he moved west, arriving in Columbus, Texas in 1867. By January 1874 he was a sergeant in J. R. Waller's Company A of the Texas Rangers. After his stint as a ranger he lived briefly in the Texas Panhandle before serving as marshal of Socorro, New Mexico. He had a reputation for being handsome, a sharp dresser and a gentleman when sober. But when intoxicated, he was said to have a quick temper and could be extremely dangerous. He was known for wearing two guns and being equally accurate with either hand.

In 1881 El Paso, Texas was wide open and lawless, and divided into two camps. There was the "sporting crowd," led by the brothers Jim, Frank and George "Doc" Manning, who owned two saloons. Doc was an actual physician but had a temper and was more than handy with a six-shooter. Jim was also a dangerous man with a gun and George was a tough hombre who had run saloons at several railroad "hell on wheels" construction encampments. The other camp was "The Reformers," who counted among their number the substantial citizens and business owners, and members of the town council. The Reformers needed a "town tamer" and on April 11, 1881 hired Stoudenmire as Marshal of El Paso. His first official act was to march into a

saloon and take the keys and badge away from Bill Johnson, the acting marshal and a Manning man. Four days later Stoudenmire gained fame in the “Four Dead in Five Seconds Gunfight.” The bodies of two Mexican cowboys, hunting stolen cattle were found on the ranch of Johnny Hale, a Manning stalwart. The bodies were brought into town for an inquest and a large armed crowd began to form. On one side was Johnny Hale, George Campbell and other Manning henchmen. On the other side, the friends of the Mexicans, Dallas Stoudenmire, and Constable Gus Krempkau. The judge cancelled the inquest to calm things down and when the crowd started to disperse Stoudenmire left to have lunch, leaving Krempkau in charge. An argument ensued between Campbell and Krempkau and Campbell jerked his pistol and shot Krempkau. Stoudenmire came running out of the restaurant, both guns blazing. His first shot went wild, killing an innocent Mexican bystander but his second shot hit Hale between the eyes. In the meantime, the dying Krempkau drew his revolver and fired two shots, wounding Campbell. Stoudenmire then shot Campbell who died the next day. Several days later, the Mannings convinced Bill Johnson to ambush Stoudenmire. On the evening of April 17 Johnson, who was drunk, opened up with a double barrel shotgun on Stoudenmire and his brother-in-law, Samuel M. “Doc” Cummings, who were walking down the street. Johnson missed with both barrels and in the next instant, fell crashing to the ground with eight bullets in him from Stoudenmire’s and Cummings’s guns. According to one source, Stoudenmire killed 12 men in the performance of his duties while El Paso marshal.

Stoudenmire normally carried two handguns. One was a .44 caliber, single action, nickel plated Smith and Wesson American Number 3, with an 8-inch-long barrel and ivory grips. This gun was a revolutionary revolver, being top-break with simultaneous extraction. Chambered initially in the .44 S&W American cartridge, its design, especially the simultaneous extraction of spent casings when opened, was a significant improvement in firepower and reloading speed. A Smith and Wesson American Number 3 attributed to Stoudenmire was sold for \$143,000 hammer price in a Little John auction on May 21-22, 2001. Another was sold at a Morphy auction in December 2021.



A .44 caliber Smith and Wesson American Number 3 revolver attributed to Dallas Stoudenmire. Photo courtesy of Morphy Auctions, Denver, PA.

Stoudenmire’s other pistol (that he was carrying at the time of his death) was a Colt Model 1860 Army s/n 6904, .44 caliber that was converted from percussion to fire metallic cartridges via the Richards Mason method. It had had its round barrel cut short to 2 ¾ inches. He used this as a backup, hide out, or “belly gun,” a practice that was not uncommon in the Old West. This gun was sold at the August 27-28, 2021, Bonhams auction for \$17,815.50 including buyer’s premium.

In February 1882 Stoudenmire was out of town when Jim Manning killed Doc Cummings in a gunfight. When he returned, Stoudenmire vowed to kill all the Mannings. The feud got so bad that the town council was forced to ask Stoudenmire to turn in his badge to calm things down. He then became Deputy US Marshal for the Western District of Texas with headquarters in El Paso. This job took him all over western Texas and New Mexico, hunting federal fugitives and criminal so he was seldom in El Paso. However, on September 17, 1882, he arrived back in El Paso looking for a fugitive in all the saloons, including the Mannings. He didn't find the fugitive but town troublemakers told the Mannings that Stoudenmire was looking for them and making threats. The next evening Stoudenmire went to the Mannings' saloon to assure them that he wasn't looking for trouble with them. As he entered, Doc Manning met him and the two started arguing. The words grew hot and they both went for their guns but Doc was faster and shot Stoudenmire in the arm, causing Stoudenmire to drop his Smith and Wesson. . The slug glanced off a bone and entered Stoudenmire's chest. Doc fired again but the bullet was stopped by some papers, his Marshal's badge and a picture of his sister. Stoudenmire careened out into the street and drew his second gun, a Colt conversion with a shortened barrel firing and hit Cummings in the right arm. The two then grappled in the dust of the street. Jim Manning heard the commotion and ran up behind Stoudenmire firing twice with his Colt .45. The first shot missed but the second hit Stoudenmire in the back of the head, killing him. Doc manning continued pistol whipping Stoudenmire's dead body until pulled off. The Mannings were charged with murder but were acquitted by a jury that was made up mostly of their friends.

Historical note: The terms gunslinger, gun hand or gun hawk are mostly the invention of some popular western authors, and movie and TV script writers and publicists. Back in the days of the "Old West" the term mostly used in newspapers was shootist.



★ How to watch the January Meeting from Home

We will not be broadcasting our December Holiday Potluck and Swap Meet, but we return to using JITSY as our new free streaming service in January 2026. You can join via your phone through the app or via your browser on the computer. Neither requires an account. All you need to join a JITSY meeting is a link, like the one below. Simply click the link.

Click the following link to join the meeting: <https://meet.jit.si/vgca-january2026>

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

Just want to dial in on your phone? Dial-in: +1.512.647.1431 PIN: 3369221941 followed by #. Click this link to see the dial in phone numbers for this meeting <https://meet.jit.si/static/dialInInfo.html?room=vgca-january2026>



VGCA Fall Gun Show Another Success!

Your VGCA hosted another successful gun show on the weekend of November 1st and 2nd, 2025. Over 550 attendees came through the doors of the LtGen Lewis “Chesty” Puller Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1503 in Dale City, Virginia. Though the number of attendees was smaller than usual and this could probably be explained, at least partially, by the on-going (at the time) Federal Government shut-down.



The shutdown no doubt negatively impacted the disposable income of at least some of our Northern Virginia and Maryland customers. Despite this, most vendors reported good sales and most of the attendees seemed pleased with the selection of vendors.

Andrew Woodard (*at far left, talking to VGCA Director Troy Blackwood*) executed his fourth show as the VGCA's Gun Show Director and he made it look easy! It started with every table being rented before the show started. Then his setup volunteers - consisting of Al Reid, Wes Chappell, George Dungan, and Bruce Buchner - ensured the venue was 100% ready for the vendors by Friday afternoon.

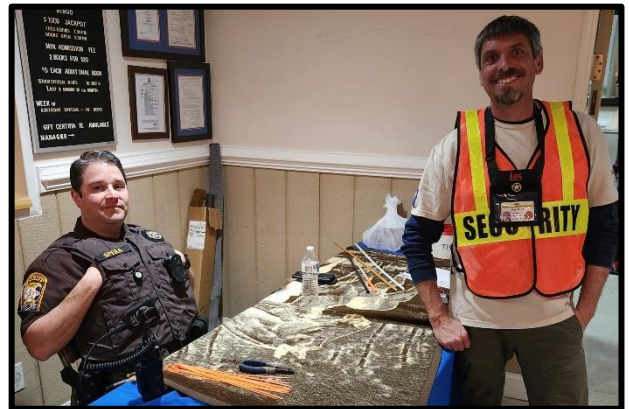
As always, it was our security volunteers that kept things running smoothly all weekend. Led by Security Manager Al Reid, please be sure to thank the following members:

Bill Bailey	Doug Gravatt	J Craig Peters	Ric Valenzi
Bruce Buchner	Dan Helm	Georgette Phillips	Clayton Vieg
Jim Burgess	Rich Holder	Chuck Schafer	Carl Warhurst
Bob Candido	Rich McCormack	Todd Sigely	
Tom Ciarula	Dave Murphy	Keith Simmons	Jack Looney (Overnight Security)

Security volunteer Dan Helm (*far right, in the security vest*) and Prince William County Sheriff Deputy Shawn Spera (*near right*) have become familiar faces at our entrance and firearms security station.



Member Jack Looney (*red shirt at near left*) not only does yoeman's work as our photographer, but he also continues to provide our overnight security.



VGCA President Emeritus Jim Burgess once again organized our display judging as well as manned our Firearms Evaluation Table (both of which are unique features of our gun shows that are not offered by any other shows in the area). The displays will be featured later in this article. As for the firearms evaluations, over the weekend Jim assessed over a dozen guns brought in by show attendees. One notable piece was an old Smith & Wesson break-top revolver close to 150 years old – in its original box!

VGCA Secretary Bruce Buchner organized our highly successful membership booth at the show. Bruce (*far right*), together with Keith Simmons (*near right*) and other volunteers signed up no fewer than 10 new members during the show. They also sold VGCA Tee-shirts, tickets to our 50/50 raffle, and encouraged members to vote for the VGCA Member of the Year for 2025.



VGCA Members (*including President Emeritus Ed Costello at near left and former Show Director Rick Nahas in center*) discuss ... well, I am not sure what they were discussing, but it looks important!



VGCA Vice President George Dungan (*above left*), VGCA President Emeritus Ernie Lyles (*above right*), and VGCA member (and former Membership Chairman) Bill Chronister (*at left*) spent the weekend selling surplus pieces from their collections.



The opening lines of the VGCA By-Laws state “The objective of this Association, as a not-for-[rofit association, is to encourage and both advance and enhance the collection of firearms of historical, cultural, and artistic merit. Achievements that increase gun-collecting knowledge and public appreciation of our national firearms heritage shall be recognized.” A key element of our advancing and enhancing firearms collecting and recognizing achievements that increase firearms knowledge are the educational displays at our gun shows and judging and rewarding those displays of an exceptional nature. This gun show representing yet another opportunity to do so.

There were four very good displays and the judges’ scoring was very close. The displays were recognized as follows.

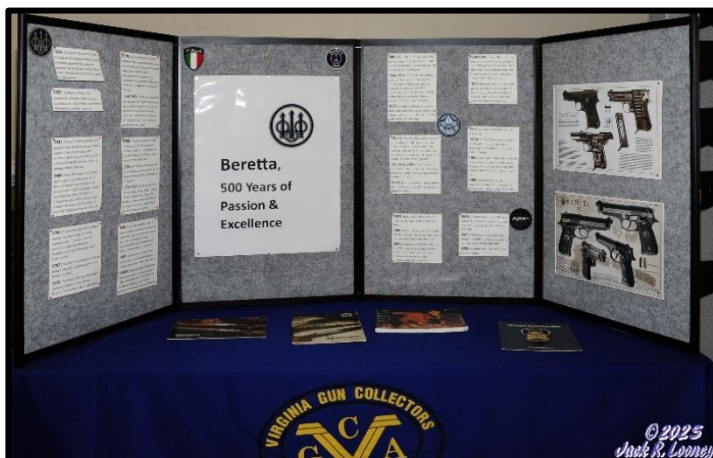


In **First Place** was the display of a Swedish m/40 rifle (*above*) by Marc Gorelick (*at near left, receiving his awards from VGCA President Rob Becker, far left*). This was a superb example of a single firearm display and featured a beautiful example of a rare WWII-era rifle. The Swedes ordered a small number of K98s from Germany and when they were received, modified them to fire the 7.9x63 cartridge (vice the standard 7.9x57 Mauser round). They were issued to troops manning the m/36 medium machine gun in the same caliber, as well as those manning the m/42 20mm anti-tank cannons. The majority of

these were sold to Israel after WWII and subsequently modified again, this time to 7.62x51 NATO. It is rare to find one of these rifles in its original 7.9x63 caliber, and condition of this particular example is truly exceptional. In addition to earning first place in the judging, this rifle also received an award as the Best Military Arm on display at the show. Well done, Marc!



Garnering **Second Place** was what show attendees referred to as the “Wall of Berettas” – an incredible display entitled “Beretta – 500 Years of Passion and Excellence” (*above and below left*) by Troy Blackwood (*below right, in the center*) and Louie DiGaetano (*below right, far right*). This display described the entire five centuries (as of 2026) of Beretta firearms and exhibited the most significant rifles, handguns, and shotguns of the cartridge era. It was very impressive! In addition to winning second place, Troy’s Vetterli Model 1870 converted to training rifle chambered in .22 LR was awarded Best Antique Firearm of the show. Congratulations, gentlemen!





Third Place went to Mark Tatum and his friends (*at right*) display titled “WWI Allies in the Trenches” (*above*). In common with the Wall of Berettas, this display included rifles, handguns, and shotguns (in this case, of French, English, and U.S. origin) but also non-firearms, including helmets, binoculars, trench knives and trench art! Nicely done, sirs!



Finally, Shannon Zeigler’s display of WWII Japanese Type 99 machine gun and Type 89 grenade launcher, though not officially judged as he has displayed these items in the past, earned a **Judges Choice Award**. Thank you, Shannon!

If case you missed this gun show, you can make up for it by attending our spring show. Our Spring Gun Show, scheduled for February 28th and March 1st, is rapidly approaching – in fact, it is only 2 ½ months away! Remember, VGCA members get in for free! We hope to see you there!





★ Important Update: VGCA Membership Dues Going Up in 2026

The VGCA Executive Committee recently approved an increase in membership dues for next year. Effective on January 1st, 2026, Annual Membership costs will increase to \$40 (from the current \$30) per year and Life Memberships will increase to \$250 (from the current \$150). These increases in dues, the first in over 30 years, are necessary to help cover the increased costs associated with membership.

★ S&W Factory Tour Postponed



Due to a conflict with the Smith & Wesson personnel in Marysville, Tennessee, we had to postpone our scheduled factory tour that had been scheduled for November.

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As of now, we are hoping to reschedule the tour for Spring 2026, possibly combined with a visit to the Beretta Factory in Gallatin, Tennessee. Please stay tuned for details as we work to get this trip scheduled. Thank you for your patience.

★ Reminder – First Meeting of 2026

Our first membership meeting of next year will be held on **SATURDAY**, January 24th, starting at 2 p.m. Shannon Zeigler will give a presentation on the German MG-42 machine gun.

★ New Location for Nation's Gun Show

As many of you have heard, the Dulles Expo Center has recently been sold and will no longer be available to host events. One of those events looking for a new home is the Nation's Gun Show, organized and promoted by Showmasters, Inc. That location will be, at least for the next show scheduled for January 2nd through the 4th, 2026, and will be held at the Manassas Mall in the former At Home Store, located at 8358 Sudley Road.

★ We need your help with our Newsletter!

Do you love history and firearms, are reasonably organized, have a decent command of the English language, possess fair computer skills, and can dedicate a few hours each month to the VGCA? Then you may be just the person to take over as our newsletter editor! Rob Becker will continue as our editor through the December 2025 issue but is looking for some relief. If you think this is something you would be willing to take on – in whole or in part - please contact any of the officers or directors.

★ VGCA Social Media Accounts ★

Our Instagram account

[@vaguncollectors](#)

has 900 followers as of 7 Dec 2025!

Follow us for a regular dose of interesting gun-related content!

Our VGCA youtube.com channel

[@vgca-viriniaguncollectorsasso](#)

Troy Blackwood started this effort on 11 Mar 2025. We have 22 videos and 76 subscribers as of 7 Dec 2025.

The VGCA Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/VirginiaGunCollectorsAssoc/>

has 1835 followers as of 8 Dec 2025.

★ Hampton Roads Military Society

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

9 Dec 2025 Potluck Dinner and Auction

13 Jan 2026 “Battle of Little Bighorn” by Tom Graham

VGCA GUNS OF DISTINCTION:

BERETTA MODEL 949 OLIMPIONICO TARGET PISTOL

By Marc Gorelick

The Beretta 949 Olimpionico (sometimes called the Tipo or Olympic) is a competition pistol in .22lr and .22 short that was made from 1950 (some sources say 1959) until 1964. There were several variations in frame, trigger, counterweight, and other aspects over the course of production and it has been estimated that fewer than 3,500 were made.



Beretta M949 Olimpionico, S/N 1939, Photo courtesy of Joh. Springers Erben, Vienna, Austria

A flagship of Beretta match target guns, the Model 949 Olimpionico was made to compete with the likes of Walther and Hammerli target pistols in Olympic-level matches. It was designed to obtain faster and tighter target groups under rapid fire conditions. According to Beretta literature, there are fewer working parts in the Olympic than in any other automatic pistol of its time. The design of the entire pistol, with its muzzle brake or compensator (called in Beretta literature a deflector or stabilizer), balancing weights, and thumb rest on the grip, and extremely light trigger pull, contributes to increased greatest accuracy and superb performance in fast Olympic target shooting. There is little to no perceived recoil and recovery after every shot is practically instantaneous. The trigger pull of a mere 1 ½ pounds is of an unequalled crispness.

The Model 949 Olimpionico came in either .22 LR or .22 Short. The overall length is 12 ½ inches including muzzle brake (or compensator, deflector stabilizer). The hand-lapped barrel is 8 ¾ inches long and has 6 groove right twist rifling, one turn in 20 inches. It weighs 38 ounces and the weight under the barrel is adjustable. The front sight is adjustable for elevation and the rear sight is adjustable for windage. The finish blue satin to prevent glare. The wrap-around grips are hand-checked Italian walnut with a thumb rest. The magazine holds six (6) rounds and the guns came with an extra magazine, as well as a key for adjusting the weight under the barrel. The left side of the slide is marked "PISTOLA AUT. 22

LUNGO TIPO OLIMPIONICO/PIETRO BERETTA-GARDONE V.T-ITALIA", and the right side is marked "MADE in ITALY".



Beretta M949 Olimpionico, S/N 1939, Photo courtesy of Joh. Springers Erben, Vienna, Austria

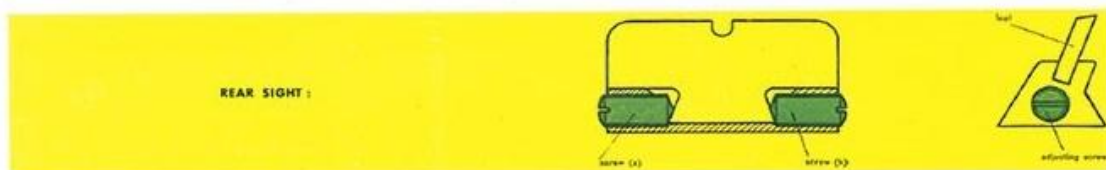
Comments on .22 and pistol target shooting forums have been almost unanimous in their praise of the Olimpionico's accuracy and performance.



Above & below. Beretta M949 Olimpionico prototype, S/N 7. Photos courtesy of National Firearms Museum



THE REAR SIGHT CAN BE ADJUSTED FOR WINDAGE BY REGULATING THE TWO SCREWS (a) AND (b), AND MOVING SIDEWAY THE LEAF.



THE FRONT SIGHT IS EASILY ADJUSTABLE FOR ELEVATION. RELEASING THE SCREW (A) ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE MUZZLE, THE FRONT SIGHT LEAF CAN BE MOVED RADIALLY INSIDE ITS HOUSING - WHEN YOU HAVE ADJUSTED THE LEAF IN THE REQUIRED POSITION, FIX IT BY TIGHTENING THE SCREW (A).

Instructions for adjusting the rear sight for windage and the front sight for elevation, and. Beretta manual.



Beretta M949 Olimpionico, S/N 1939 in case, Photo courtesy of Joh. Springers Erben, Vienna, Austria





The **VGCA Member of the Year Award** recognizes the member who the membership believes has done the most during the past year for the club and/or gun collecting. The annual **Member of the Year Award** is a way for you, the membership, to publicly recognizing a member in good standing who selflessly went above and beyond for the club or for collecting during 2025. ***All VGCA members except elected Board members are eligible to receive the award. Elected Board members are NOT eligible to receive the award.***

All members who attend the October and December meetings, or the November Gun Show, will have an opportunity to vote for the person of their choice. A ballot box and slips of paper will be available. Just write in the name of the member you think should get the award and the reason you think he or she should get it (what he or she has done in 2025). No preselected list of names will be presented for voting – this is your choice from start to finish.

After the votes have been counted the person being recognized will be announced at the January 2026 meeting and presented with his/her award.

Reasons for being selected include, but are not limited to:

- Writing articles or books about guns to further collecting.
- Volunteering for show set-up or security, or other duties before or during the shows.
- Volunteering other services to the VGCA, such as setting up trips, administering club programs or representing the VGCA.
- Giving presentations at meetings.
- Promoting the VGCA or gun collecting as a whole.
- Putting on displays at our shows and other shows to promote collecting.
- Recruiting new members to the VGCA.

Remember – Only those members in good standing who attend the October and December meetings, will be able to vote for the Member of the Year Award for 2025.

Come to the meetings and vote for your choice.



★ Membership Report – Nov-Dec 2025

Since the last newsletter we have had the following people apply for membership in our group:

Nathan Jones of **Woodbridge** sponsored by **Rich Holder**
Steven Wallace of **Stafford** – gun show
Richard Stotler of **Mineral** - gun show
James Williams of **Alexandria** – gun show
Robert Adair of **Pasadena, MD** – gun show
Thomas Unkle of **Park Hall, MD** sponsored by **Keith Simmons**
Robert Deitrick of **Woodbridge** – sponsored by **Ernie Lyles**
Michael Seeley of **Norfolk** - gun show
Brandon Howell of **Lorton** – gun show
Keith Dorset of **Manassas** sponsored by **Keith Simmons**
Colin Reilly of **Centreville** sponsored by **Bruce Buchner**
Bruce Powell of **Bala Cynwyd, PA** sponsored by **Keith Simmons**
Scott Huheey of **McLean** – gun show

Please welcome the following new members:

- **Earl Roberts** of **Fairfax**
- **Charles Dusek** of **Fairfax**
- **Pat Berney** of **Vienna**
- **John Parker** of **Bunker Hill**
- **Thomas Breighner** of **Clifton**
- **Lorrie Bethel** of **Fairfax**
- **Valentine Stutz** of **Woodbridge**
- **Eric Adams** of **Herndon**

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

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

Membership Numbers: There are currently 464 Life members, 83 Annual Members, and the 13 applicants listed above, for a total of 560 members in the Virginia Gun Collectors Association, Inc.

Recruiting: Thank you to everyone who has worked our membership tables in the past and those of you who have signed up new members. Your efforts bring more knowledge to our organization through the new members who have an interest in gun collecting. Membership in the VGCA is a great way for people with an interest in the history, development, and use of firearms to broaden their knowledge and share what they know with others. It also offers the opportunity to network with individuals who have similar interests. To facilitate new memberships, we have a Membership Table at every Nations gun show, as well as at our own VGCA gun shows.

Membership Renewal: Dues for 2026 are now due. If you wish to continue receiving the Newsletter, getting into the VGCA gun shows for free, and other benefits that come with membership please update your dues payment. You can renew annually for \$30 or \$150 for life until 1 January. Please use the form below to renew and either mail it in or bring it to a meeting and give it to either George Dungan or Bruce Buchner. If you are unsure of your membership status email george@eccominv.com and I will let you know. Dues will be going up starting 1 January 2026.

George Dungan, Vice President and Membership Chair



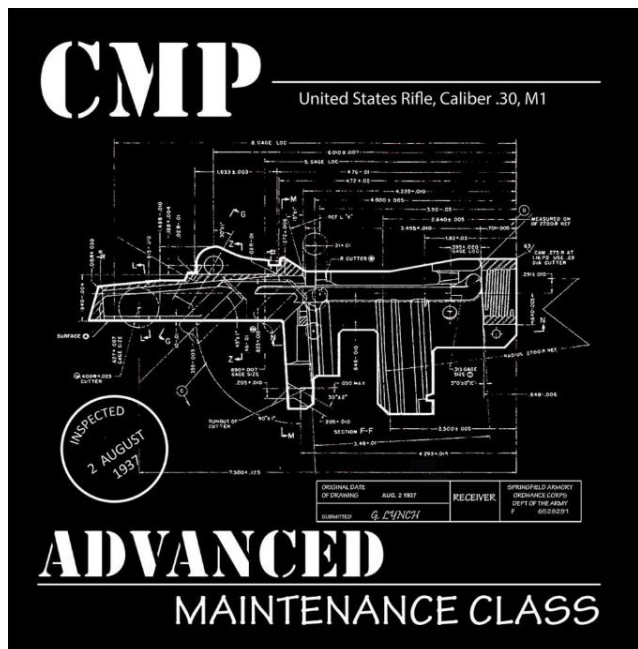


CMP UPDATE

By Marc Gorelick, CMP Liaison

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

REMINDER! REGISTRATION FOR THE CMP 2026 ADVANCED MAINTENANCE CLASSES WILL CLOSE DECEMBER 19, 2025



Designed for those who wish to take their collecting and shooting passion for the M1 Garand to a higher level, the Advanced Maintenance Class (AMC) continues to be one of the CMP's more popular programs – combining expert instruction, hands-on experience and the tradition of one of America's most iconic and collectible military rifles. Held at the CMP's facilities in Anniston, Alabama, the three-day AMC, offers students a rare opportunity to receive unparalleled training from the CMP's knowledgeable Custom Shop staff while building their very own M1 Garand rifle. After hand-picking parts from the CMP's inventory of receivers and other M1 components, students will participate in one-on-one training from experienced CMP armorers.

Registration will remain open through Dec. 19, 2025. Once the AMC registration period ends, those selected

will receive official notification via email on Jan. 9, 2026. Please note, submitting a registration does not guarantee selection.

The AMC is a three-day class that includes the following:

- **Day One:** Classroom instruction, rifle assembly, and a facility tour
- **Day Two:** Classroom instruction and final rifle assembly
- **Day Three:** Test-firing at the **CMP Talladega Marksmanship Park** – participants may also bring other firearms and ammunition to make full use of the all-day range pass.

If you really want to learn about your M1 Garand, then take this course. For more information about the AMC, including the 2026 dates, prices and registration details, please visit <https://thecmp.org/training-tech/advanced-maintenance-class/>.

CMP SALES UPDATE .22 CALIBER SURPLUS RIFLES NOW AVAILABLE

- **Remington .22 single shot target rifle** – These rifles were mostly used by shooting teams and ROTC units. They may come with either heavy or tapered barrels no distinction is made in pricing or selection. These rifles have been inspected, function fired and sold with no guarantee of accuracy. Rifles are normally in good to very good condition but may show minor pitting and wear from usage and storage. *No sights.*

- **Winchester 52C is a bolt-action magazine fed 22lr target rifle** - These rifles have a heavy target barrel with an adjustable trigger. Many of these rifles were used by college or ROTC shooting teams. The rifles have been fired and checked for function. No sights.
- **Winchester 52D is a single shot bolt-action 22lr target rifle** - These rifles have a heavy target barrel with an adjustable trigger. Many of these rifles were used by college or ROTC shooting teams. The rifles have been fired and checked for function.
- **Kimber 82G is a single shot bolt-action 22lr target rifle** - These rifles have a heavy target barrel and were intended for the U.S. Army's marksmanship training program. They were the replacement for the H & R Model 12. These rifles have been fired and checked for function. Some variation in metal condition and stocks will be evident in these rifles.
- **Harrington & Richardson single shot bolt action 22lr target rifle** - These rifles have a heavy target barrel and were primarily used for military training rifles and as a replacement for the Winchester 52 rifles. The rifles have been fired and checked for function. Some of the rifles show wear from use and storage.

Please note: The CMP does not expect to ever again receive large quantities of these models. All sales are AS-IS with NO RETURNS OR EXCHANGES. For additional information, including prices and ordering information go to https://thecmp.org/cmp_sales/rifle-sales/22-surplus-rifles/. Prices include a free brick of .22 caliber ammunition.

GUNSITE ACADEMY COURSES AT THE CMP'S TALLADEGA MARKSMANSHIP PARK

Gunsite Academy will be offering two different three-day courses in 2026 at the CMP's Talladega Marksmanship Park near Anniston, Alabama. In either class you'll receive expert instruction in safety, accuracy, and defensive shooting. This is an opportunity to train with a leading firearms academy on one of the nation's finest ranges. The two courses are:



Photo – Gunsight

TALLADEGA 150 BASIC PISTOL

This 3-day course covers the Combat Triad – marksmanship, gun handling and mindset. Certified training will cover the Modern Technique, speed reloads vs. tactical reloads, weapon malfunctions, pivots and turns, barricades and tactical guidelines. So far the date of the course is April 24-26, 2026.

TALLADEGA 123 BASIC CARBINE

The Talladega “123” three-day carbine class is a three-day introduction to platforms such as the AR15, Mini 14, SCAR Light, and AK 74. (Sorry, no Sharps, Trapdoor or Krag carbines.) In this class you will learn proper zeroing and sighting for your choice of sights and optics. All manipulations will be thoroughly taught as they apply to your weapon system. You learn to fire from a variety of conventional and unconventional shooting positions. Gunsight instructors will show you how to get into and recover from sitting, kneeling and prone variations. This course also includes introduction to low light and no light shooting techniques. So far the course dates are June 12-14, 2026.

For more information, including prices, requirements, what to bring, and applications, go to <https://www.gunsite.com/alabama-offsite-classes/>.

CMP Partnering With Lockton Affinity for Club and Member Insurance

The Civilian Marksmanship Program provides clubs and community members with access to a wide selection of firearms insurance solutions offered by its trusted partner Lockton Affinity Outdoor.

Lockton Affinity is a licensed insurance provider with more than 20 years of experience serving the outdoor and firearms community. The Lockton Affinity Outdoor Insurance Program provides dependable service to over 5,000 clubs and related businesses nationwide and protects hundreds of millions of dollars in firearm property.

Lockton Affinity has developed a customized insurance program for CMP clubs and individuals.

Popular coverages include:

- Firearm Insurance – Protects your firearms and accessories
- Personal Firearm Liability Insurance – Safeguards your personal assets
- Firearm Instructor Insurance – Protects coaches, instructors and range safety officers
- Club Insurance – Protects your club’s property and on-site participants

For more information go to the CMP website at

<https://thecmp.org/cmp-partnering-with-lockton-affinity-for-club-and-member-insurance/>. For even more information and to explore available coverage options go to the Lockton Affinity website at LocktonAffinityOutdoor.com/CMP.

CMP GIFTS, BOOKS AND MORE

Effective April 2025, the CMP is no longer selling Gift Certificates. However, you can still purchase CMP gifts in time for the holiday season from the CMP e-Store. A selection of CMP gifts is available at the CMP website: <https://shop.thecmp.org/browse/Gifts>.

The CMP also has a number of firearms and shooting related books for sale through the e-Store and at the CMP’s stores at Camp Perry and Anniston. Many of the books for collectors deal with M1 Garands and M1 Carbines. For additional information, including a list of books, prices and ordering information go to the CMP website at <https://shop.thecmp.org/browse/Books>.



CONNING THE AMERICAN PUBLIC

Article by Allen Reid

The term “assault weapons” is mentioned every time anti-constitutionalists, politicians and the anti-gun lobby claim we must stop “gun violence.” Notice again it is “gun violence” - not crime or violence. No other type of violent action is so characterized. When do we hear of “knife violence” or battery so described?

Regardless of the fact that long guns of any description account for a minute amount of violent actions in this country, the media and politicians by their rhetoric would have us believe that just about every firearm related act of violence is caused by the humble and much maligned AR-15 type of weapon so wrongly termed as an “assault weapon.” WHY IS THIS?

Here in the United States, the term ‘assault weapon’ didn’t even exist in the lexicon of firearms before 1989. In 1988, anti-gun activist Josh Sugarman, who was the communications director for the National Coalition to Ban Handguns, recommended that gun-control groups use public ignorance and fear to ban everything they can stuff into the phrase “assault weapon.”

Sugarman wrote, “Assault weapons ... are a new topic. The weapons’ menacing looks, coupled with the public’s confusion over fully automatic machine guns versus semi-automatic assault weapons—anything that looks like a machine gun is assumed to be a machine gun—can only increase the chance of public support for restrictions on these weapons.... Efforts to restrict assault weapons are more likely to succeed than those to restrict handguns.”

The Anti-Gun lobby is counting on the lack of knowledge and education of every-day Americans to further their goals. If you read the above paragraphs, it doesn’t take you long to realize that just about any firearm can fit into their terminology of being an “assault weapon.” For those out there, who think it is common sense to do away with AR15-type firearms remember that it is the tip of the iceberg, once you successfully ban one type, it is far easier to ban others.

Unfortunately, the term “assault weapon” has become very common, even being used by pro-gun groups. Essentially, we have helped legitimize this term to our own detriment. Once words or phrases become “in common use” then they in time, will be included in dictionaries. We certainly will not be the ones who are dictating what the meaning will be.

It is up to us to try and educate as many of the public as we can. The gun owners of this country have tried to stay below the radar for too long, thinking that it will be all right on the day! Our adversaries have no such thoughts and are often the only message to be heard. Lies, mis-truths and fear mongering, unfortunately, if that is all you hear then most people will believe it. Remember, the people are generally made up of the 10-80-10 percentage. If you are not aware of this term, please look it up.



★ Show-n-Tell ★

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

VGCA Show-n-Tell Fact Sheet

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____ Action Type: _____

Caliber: _____

Years of Production: _____ Total Produced: _____

Year this example was manufactured (if known): _____

Significance: _____

Question(s) for members: _____

Name (optional): _____

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

A message from your VGCA Photographer--

I ask those who bring items in for Show-and-Tell to PLEASE hold the item UP and in view of the audience so that they can be seen clearly, and so that I might be able to get a decent picture for the newsletter. PLEASE stand behind the tables and simply hold the item at chest or waist level, face forward, stand still, and give me a five or six seconds to grab a decent photograph of the Show-and-Tell item.

If you do not want your Show-and-Tell item to be shared with other VGCA members, just tell me in advance and I will not attempt to take a photo of it.

I do photography for the VGCA and its' members, not for myself, and not for any personal gain. Your assistance in documenting your items will be a great help. I spend an average of five hours editing the pictures for the newsletter and not having a clear view of the subject has been a great and constant frustration for me.

Your help will assist in making a better newsletter for all VGCA members. Thank you!

Jack Looney

October Show-n-Tell



Member 1 (*left*) shared his new Heckler & Koch G36 in .22LR. It is an officially licensed H&K “clone” produced by Umarex and comes with a folding buttstock. Member 1 added the forearm and bipod. These just came out this year and can “scratch the itch” for those looking an unavailable actual G36.

Member 2 brought in a Burgess Model 1894 12-gauge (2 ½ inch chamber) pump shotgun (*below left*). These were produced by Burgess in unknown numbers from 1894 to 1899. These shotguns were unique in that they were designed to fold and yet could rapidly be made ready to fire (*below right, in “holster”*). Teddy Roosevelt purchased 100 of these shotguns for the New York City Police Department when he was Police Commissioner (1895-1897). Member 2 acquired this very interesting piece at a gun show around 2015.





Member 3 brought in two German WWII rifles. The first was a semi-automatic Gewehr G43 (*at left*). Chambered in 7.92x57 caliber, just over 400,000 of these were produced from 1943 to 1945. The G43 is also known as the Karabiner 43 (abbreviated K43 or Kar 43). Its design was based on that of the earlier G41(W) but incorporated an improved short-stroke piston gas system as well as a detachable magazine and relocated charging handle.

This example has all matching numbers and was produced in 1944 by Berliner-Lubecker Maschinenfabrik (factory code DUV). It is a fun shooter, but these are known to be “over-gassed” and can split stocks, so if you are going to shoot yours, be sure to install an after-market kit to designed to reduce recoil!

Member 3’s second rifle was a Karabiner 98k, also chambered in 7.92x57 (*right*). The standard German infantry rifle during WWII, over 14,600,000 were produced from 1934 through 1945! This example also has all matching serial numbers and was made in 1943 by Gustloff Werke (factory code bcd).

Finally, Member 3 also shared a set of German WWII military accessories, including a helmet in size “Small” – itself a rarity!

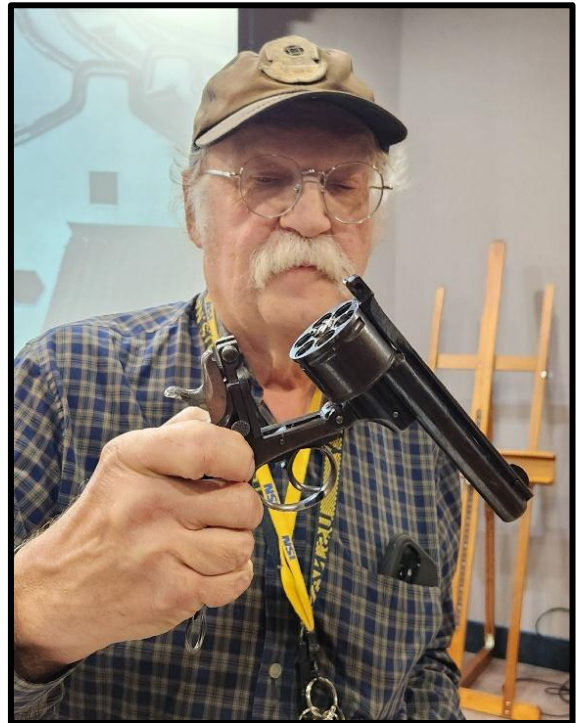




Member 4 displayed a Spanish Star Model 30M pistol (*left*). The Star Model 30 was chambered in 9mm Parabellum and was produced from 1981-1990. It is the first model pistol produced by Star after they ceased producing Browning M1911 clones. It features a single/double action trigger, ambidextrous slide safety, iron sights and a 15-round double-stack magazine. These pistols were used by Spanish Army, Navy and Police along with the Peruvian Police. It competed against the Beretta in the U.S. Army trials for what would eventually become the U.S. Model 9. This particular example was one of 2,000 produced for the Spanish Guardia Civil and was manufactured in 1983.

Member 5 shared a cased top-break revolver made in Liege, Belgium for London Armory in 1867 (*at right and below*). It is chambered in .450 Boxer, operates as either a single action or double action, and has both Liege and London/Birmingham proof marks. It is in its original beautiful wooden case marked for its owner, Alexander McMillen of Tokyo Japan. This revolver was designed by James Kerr (*see detail of factory label at bottom right*) and features a rebounding hammer. This model was the last revolver sold by London Armory before they went out of business, with most of the gunsmiths and staff

reforming as the London Small Arms Company, Limited.





Member 6 brought in a P14 (Pattern 1914) Enfield (*left*). This bolt action rifle is chambered in .303 British and 1,250,000 were produced for England at three American factories between 1915 and 1917.

The P14 design was based on the British P13 trials rifle. This was a new design that resulted from British combat experience learned during the Boer War. The Brits used the Lee Metford rifle in .303 caliber against the Boer militia. The Boers were armed primarily with the excellent Model 1893 "Spanish" Mauser rifles chambered in 7x57mm. The Brit's were impressed with the performance of the 7mm Mauser round and wanted to duplicate its performance. The result was the

new .276 Rimless cartridge. The new rifle chosen for the .276 was to be simpler and cheaper than their current Lee Enfield No.1 Mk III. This led to the P13, which was a more conventional, Mauser-based design. Field trials of the P13 identified several deficiencies (mostly related to the new ammunition). With the start of WWI in 1914, England suddenly needed more rifles. For logistical efficiency, they modified the new rifle design to take their proven .303 cartridge. This became the P14 "Enfield." With their domestic production capabilities at their limit producing the No.1 MKIII, they contracted with the American firms Winchester, Remington and Eddystone (a subsidiary of Remington) for production of the P14. All rifles were produced in America between 1915 and 1917. Just as P14 production ended, America entered the war and found itself in desperate need of more rifles. Rather than accept the delay associated with re-tooling these three recently dormant factories to make the U.S. standard M1903, they restarted their production lines to make slightly modified P14s chambered in .30/06 caliber and minus the long-range Volley Sights. The new rifles were designated the U.S. Model 1917.

This example was made at Eddystone, PA very early in the contract (likely in 1915). It is significant because it's still in its original configuration with its long-range Volley Sights. About 95% had these rifles had the largely useless Volley Sights removed during post-war refurbishments. This one is marked "EY" on the stock, which stands for "Emergency Use" – likely due to the fact that early production examples had issues with many parts not being quite interchangeable. Those rifles were mostly kept in strategic reserve and not sent for overseas combat use. This rifle was acquired this year at the Dulles Gun Show.

If you'd like to know more, VGCA member Marc Gorelick authored an excellent article about these rifles which can be found on our website:

https://www.vgca.net/education/TheUKPattern13_14USM1917Historyver09_2014-09-17.pdf

Member 7 brought in a “Hot Rod” Colt Model 1911 semi-auto pistol (*at right*). Chambered in .45 ACP, the M1911 was produced from 1911 to 1920 (production then changed over to 1911A1). It is marked “United States Property” and was originally made for the U.S. military in 1915. It was completely reworked in the 1980’s for competitive shooting. Modifications included a Nolin barrel and barrel bushing, Novak sights, skeletonized trigger and hammer, stippled front and rear strap, beveled mag well, custom grips with thumb rest, and a beautiful two-tone, blued slide and brushed nickel receiver. It was purchased at our last VFW gun show.



Member 8 brought an American Arms P98 (*left*). It is a clone of the Walther P38 chambered in .22LR that was designed by Erma-Werke in Germany and produced by American Arms in United States. American Arms was in business in North Kansas City, Missouri from the mid-1980's to the mid-1990's. The size of the P98 is approximately 70-75% of an actual P38. Per Member 8, the P98 has a comfortable grip and is a natural pointer. The P98 is made from cast Zamac (zinc alloy), and duplicates most of the operational functionality of a Walther P38. Member 8 noted that it is a fun shooter that works well every time he takes it out to the range.

Member 8 also brought in an IWI Galil (*right*). Originally designed by Yisrael Galili and Yakov Lior in the late 1960s, the Galil rifles were produced from 1972 to 1998 in 5.56×45mm NATO by Israel Military Industries (IMI). The Galil design is largely based on the Finnish rifle RK 62 (a derivative of the AK-47) and combines the best of Western ammo technology with the reliable designs of the Eastern Bloc.



The Belgian FN FAL battle rifle chambered for the 7.62×51mm cartridge had been adopted by the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) in the late 1950s. The FAL had its limitations with a common complaint being that the abundant local sand and dust exposure would cause weapon malfunction (later attributed to lack of stringent maintenance). During the Six-Day War the Israelis captured thousands of primarily Egyptian AK-47s. This rifle was proven reliable and controllable. The required maintenance was low enough that conscripted troops had less problems with the weapon's care. When the IDF began the process of procuring a new rifle, the AK-47 was considered but the difficulty of procurement limited its viability. The IDF specifically sought a weapon that would offer the same benefits as AK-47, such as low maintenance requirements, but would also have the accuracy of the M16 and FN FAL. Several weapons were submitted to the Israeli Army in response to its specifications for a standard-issue assault rifle. These included the M16A1 and Stoner 63 from the U.S., and the HK33 from West Germany. Trials conducted from the end of the 1960s to the early 1970s led to Galili's rifle emerging as the winner. His design was based on the 7.62×39mm Finnish Valmet RK 62 but chambered for the 5.56×45mm round (using the original M193 55-grain bullet). The Automatic Rifle Machine-gun (ARM) - with bi-pod, wire-cutter and carrying handle - would become the standard service rifle issued to Israeli front line infantry troops. That version also featured the infamous bottle opener in the front hand-guard (the latter was added in order to prevent soldiers from using magazine lips for this purpose, which damaged them).

The Galil series of rifles are selective fire weapons operated by a Kalashnikov-pattern gas-driven long-stroke piston system with no regulator. The weapon is locked with a rotary bolt with two locking lugs. The ejection of spent cases from the Galil is notoriously very positive (bordering on violent!) with cases being thrown as much as 40 feet from the rifle - and often heavily dented in the process. They use 35-round magazines and feature a large wooden handguard, which keeps the forearm cooler during sustained automatic fire.

Member 9 brought a Beretta Model 81 (right) in .32 ACP. The Model 81 is part of the Cheetah family of Beretta pistols. Introduced in 1976, the Cheetah series featured model numbers in the 80s and replaced the earlier 70 model series. The Model 81 is a centerfire gun with near-rimfire recoil. It was made in different calibers, including .22LR, .32 ACP, and .380 ACP. The most popular of the Cheetah series was the .380 ACP design, but in Member 9's opinion, the Models 81 and 82 were the real gems. The Models 81 and 82 were chambered for the .32 ACP cartridge. The Model 81 has a double-stack 12-round magazine and the 82 has a thinner single-stack nine-round magazine. Member 9 prefers the Model 81 with its more rounded grip and finds it to be one of the best options ever created for shooters with poor hand strength.

This example was just picked up on the day of our October meeting from CS Arms.



★ Upcoming Events and Shows ★

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

VIRGINIA – 2025-2026

- Dec 20-21, 2025 – Salem, VA – Salem Civic Center – *C&E*
- Jan 2-4, 2026 – Manassas, VA – Manassas Mall, 8358 Sudley Rd – *Showmasters*
- Jan 10-11, 2026 – Hampton, VA – Hampton Roads Convention Center – *SGK*
- Jan 10-11, 2026 – Richmond, VA – Richmond Raceway Complex – *Showmasters*
- Jan 17-18, 2026 – Fredericksburg, VA – Fredericksburg Fairgrounds – *SGK*
- Jan 17-18, 2025 – Salem, VA – Salem Civic Center – *C&E*
- Jan 24-25, 2026 – Virginia Beach, VA – Virginia Beach Convention Center – *SGK*
- Jan 24-25, 2026 – Fishersville, VA – Augusta Expo – *Showmasters*
- Feb 6-8, 2026 – Manassas, VA – Manassas Mall, 8358 Sudley Rd – *Showmasters*
- Feb 14-15, 2026 – Harrisonburg, VA – Rockingham County Fairgrounds - *Showmasters*
- Feb 28-Mar 1, 2025 – Dale City, VA – Dale City VFW Post 1503 – *VGCA (Our Show!)*
- Mar 7-8, 2025 – Salem, VA – Salem Civic Center – *C&E*
- Mar 21-22, 2026 – Virginia Beach, VA – Virginia Beach Convention Center – *SGK*
- Mar 21-22, 2026 – Richmond, VA – Richmond Raceway Complex – *Showmasters*

MARYLAND – 2026

- Jan 3-4, 2026 – Timonium, MD – Timonium Fairgrounds – *Appalachian Promotions*
- Jan 17-18, 2026 – Frederick, MD – Frederick Fairgrounds – *Appalachian Promotions*
- Jan 31-Feb 1, 2026 – West Friendship, MD – Howard County Fairgrounds – *Appalachian*
- Feb 13-15, 2026 – Jarrettsville, MD – Jarrettsville Gardens – *Izaak Walton League of America*
- Mar 21-22, 2026 – Timonium, MD – Maryland State Fairgrounds – *Maryland Arms Collectors Association (the 70th Year Baltimore Antique Arms Show)*

PENNSYLVANIA – 2025-2026

- Dec 13-14, 2025 – Harrisburg, PA – PA Farm Show Complex – *C&E Gun Shows*
- Dec 13-14, 2025 – Trevese, PA – Radisson Philadelphia Northeast – *Eagle Shows*
- Dec 14, 2025 – Mount Bethel, PA – Mount Bethel Volunteer Fire Dept – *Mount Bethel VFD*
- Dec 19-21, 2025 – Oaks, PA – Greater Philadelphia Expo Center – *Eagle Shows*
- Dec 27-28, 2025 – York, PA – York Fairgrounds – *Appalachian Promotions*
- Jan 3-4, 2026 – Morgantown, PA – Morgantown Expo Center – *Eagle Shows*
- Jan 10-11, 2026 – Matamoras, PA – Best Western Hotel at Hunt's Landing – *Westchester Collectors Inc.*
- Jan 17-18, 2026 – Lake Harmony, PA – Split Rock Resort – *Eagle Shows*
- Jan 24-25, 2026 – Gettysburg, PA – Allstar Events Complex – *Eagle Shows*
- Jan 31-Feb 1, 2026 – Lebanon, PA – Lebanon Expo Center – *Eagle Shows*
- Feb 7-8, 2026 – Hermitage, PA – Hickory VFW 6166 – *Canon's Gun Room*
- Feb 7-8, 2026 – Oaks, PA – Greater Philadelphia Expo Center – *Eagle Shows*
- Feb 14-15, 2026 – Allentown, PA – Allentown Fairgrounds – *Forks of the Delaware Historical Arms Society*
- Feb 14-15, 2026 – Allentown, PA - Parkview Inn - *Eagle Shows*
- Feb 14-15, 2026 – Clintonville, PA – Clintonville Vol Fire Dept – *Clintonville VFD*

PENNSYLVANIA – 2026 (continued)

- Feb 21-22, 2026 – Ellwood City, PA – Wurtemburg Perry VFD - *Wurtemburg Perry VFD*
- Feb 21-22, 2026 – Trevoise, PA – Radisson Philadelphia Northeast – *Eagle Shows*
- Feb 28-Mar 1, 2026 – Bloomsburg, PA – Bloomsburg Fairgrounds – *Eagle Shows*
- Mar 7-8, 2026 – Matamoras, PA – Best Western Hotel at Hunt's Landing – *Westchester Collectors Inc.*
- Mar 7-8, 2026 – York, PA – York Fairgrounds – *Appalachian Promotions*
- Mar 14-15, 2026 – Harrisburg, PA – PA Farm Show Complex – *C&E Gun Shows*
- Mar 14-15, 2026 – Morgantown, PA – Morgantown Expo Center – *Eagle Shows*
- Mar 21-22, 2026 – Allentown, PA - Parkview Inn - *Eagle Shows*
- Mar 21-22, 2026 – Conneaut Lake, PA – Conneaut Lake Sportsmans Assoc – *Glen Favorite*
- Mar 28, 2026 – Wampum, PA – Possum Hollow Sportsman's Club – *Possum Hollow Sportsman's Association*
- Mar 28-29, 2026 – Gettysburg, PA – Redding Auction Hall – *Central PA Antique Arms Assoc*
- Mar 28-29, 2026 – Lake Harmony, PA – Split Rock Resort – *Eagle Shows*
- Apr 11-12, 2026 – Quarryville, PA – Solanco Fairgrounds – *Eagle Shows*
- Apr 11-12, 2026 – State College, PA – C3 Sports & Events Center - *Showmasters*

SPECIAL EVENTS / SHOWS – 2026

- Jan 23-24, 2026 – Las Vegas, NV – Westgate Resort & Casino – *Morphy Auctions*
- Feb 7-8, 2026 – Columbus, OH – Kasich Hall, Ohio State Expo – *Ohio Gun Collectors Association*
- Mar 7-8, 2026 – Wellington, OH – Ross Expo Center, Lorain County Fairgrounds - *OGCA*
- Apr 11-12, 2026 – Tulsa, OK – Expo Square (Tulsa Fairgrounds) – *Wanenmacher* – World's Largest Gun Show – 4200+ tables!

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

FOR SALE:

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

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

VGCA Logo Available at Lands' End

Here's how to order your apparel:

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



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

FOR SALE:

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

For ordering information go to the Wet Dog Publications website at:

<https://www.fnbrowning.com/book-finnish-mosin-nagant>.

FOR SALE:

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

FOR SALE:

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

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

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

FOR SALE:

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

FOR SALE:

★ Mossberg Model 9200 Crown Turkey. 12-gauge with 3" chamber 24-inch barrel with Modified Choke (same as Full Choke when used with steel shot). Also includes a second 24-inch slug barrel with rifle sights. \$499.



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FOR SALE:

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



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



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WANT TO BUY:

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

WANT TO BUY:

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



WANT TO BUY:

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

S&W Model 56 KTX - 38

S&W Model 73

S&W Model 59 Blue or Nickel

S&W Model 39-2 Alloy 7.65 mm

S&W Model 39 Steel Frame

S&W Model 39 Alloy Blue or Nickel

S&W Model 66 Combat 2 1/2" 357 mag

S&W Model 66 No Dash 2 1/2" 357 mag

S&W 386 SCS Airweight

Beretta Model 1934 (7.65) With High Polish Finish or Italian Air Force Production or

Model 1935 possibly with a high polish finish in 7.65

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