



VIRGINIA GUN COLLECTORS ASSOC., INC.

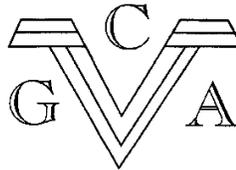
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VIRGINIA GUN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION FACTSHEET

The **Virginia Gun Collectors Association (VGCA)** is a 501(c)(4) not-for-profit educational and social organization dedicated to promoting the collection, use, preservation, education and history of all types of firearms and their accessories, gun collecting, use, and firearms safety. The VGCA encourages an appreciation of, and interest in, history through the study of arms and related equipment.

Established in 1983, the VGCA is the premier gun collecting organization in Virginia dedicated to serving the needs and interests of collectors of antique and modern arms.

Membership in the VGCA will open new areas of collecting and history to you. We welcome experienced arms collectors and historians as well as beginning collectors and shooters who are eager to learn more about firearms. If you are interested in arms collecting and American or military history, you will benefit from membership in the VGCA. It is a great way to expand your knowledge and meet with other collectors and shooters in a friendly and informal environment.

The VGCA currently has over 500 members and we are always looking to expand our membership and grow. The process to become a member is quite simple, but it does require an applicant to be sponsored by a current member of the association. On the VGCA website you will find a link to our current membership application, simply fill that out and bring it to our next meeting.

The VGCA membership dues are \$30.00 per year for annual members and, after one year, there is a lifetime membership option of \$150.00. Membership comes with many benefits including access to some of the most knowledgeable collectors in the country, some of whom are published authors or museum curators. Our members' interests range

from matchlocks from the 14th and 15th centuries to the latest military small arms. Our members are more than happy to share their knowledge and expertise with others.

We hold monthly meetings at the National Rifle Association (NRA) Headquarters in Fairfax, VA, near the intersection of Routes 66 and 50, on the fourth Thursday of most months where we have expert presentations about numerous arms collecting topics. Presenters include museum curators, authors of gun books, knowledgeable members and other firearms experts. The meetings start at 7PM and are preceded by a social hour that starts about 6PM.

Members get free admission to our twice a year gun shows which are held at the Prince William County Fairgrounds in Manassas, VA. These are real gun shows that allow only guns and gun related items. The shows feature educational displays that qualify for monetary prizes and an evaluation table where patrons and members can get their firearms evaluated for free. We also have reciprocal agreements with other collecting organizations that allow VGCA members to get into their shows for free.

In addition, we have arranged group events, such as private tours of arms manufacturing companies and museums with arms collections where we have gotten to see items that the general public rarely, if ever, sees. Members get our newsletter for free. The VGCA is an affiliate of the **Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP)** – permitting members to purchase surplus arms, parts and ammunition through the CMP.

We also support organized youth shooting, firearms safety and education programs. And members have the opportunity to become a published author and share their knowledge by submitting articles for publication in our newsletter and website.

If we sound like your type of association, then please contact one of our members to arrange for you to attend one of our meetings as an invited guest. If you are new to collecting and shooting firearms and learning about their associated history, then our association is perfect for you since you will be able to learn about some of the most interesting guns and see outstanding examples of the gunmaker's art. If you are an experienced collector, then by all means please come by, you may already know some of our members and never realized it. And you can share your interest and expertise.



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