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January 2018 VGCA Newsletter

Happy New Year!

2018

Wishing VGCA members and their families all the best in the coming year!

⊕ VGCA Meeting of December 7, 2017:

There was no presentation at the December meeting, but there was wonderful food and fellowship as we celebrated our annual Pot Luck Dinner and Swap Meet!

⊕ **December Business:** Vice President Rick Nahas called the October meeting to order at 7:22 p.m. Ed Costello led us through the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence in remembrance of those who were at Pearl Harbor on this date in 1941. There were 52 VGCA members and guests in attendance.

Our first order of business was to recognize the extensive support to the VGCA provided by Mr. Larry Hare, who served as our Membership Chairman for almost two decades! Bernie Breighner, on behalf of the entire club, presented Larry with a Ruger "Charger" pistol as Rick Nahas, VGCA Vice President, looks on.





This is the Ruger “Charger” pistol that was presented to Larry Hare in recognition of his extensive service to the VGCA as our membership chairman. Job Very Well Done, Larry!

Marc Gorelick announced the new “VGCA Member of the Year” award. The intent is to recognize the person who has done the most to support the VGCA over the last year. Voting for the 2017 award will take place during the membership meetings in Dec 17 and Jan 18. There are no ballots – this is strictly a write-in vote. Current members of the Executive Committee (officers and directors) are NOT eligible. Additional details are provided in this Newsletter.

It was mentioned that the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) will start selling military surplus Model 1911/1911A1s in 2018 (see details in this Newsletter). The CMP is also expected to receive shipments of M1 “Garands” from the Philippines and possibly South Korea this year. Remember – the VGCA is a CMP-affiliated organization!

Shannon Zeigler provided the membership with a report from the November Show.

Attendance

Saturday	510
Sunday	274
TOTAL	784

Though show attendance was lower than usual, we still took in more than we spent. We discussed advertising options, to include having a voluntary email sign-up and personally contacting local police departments outside of Prince William County.

Rob Becker made a pitch for members to submit articles and museum, book, and gun show reviews for the newsletter. He also displayed an embroidered VGCA “polo” shirt and announced a sign-up for buying shirts in maroon, black, and royal blue. Sign-up will begin in January and run through the show in March.

Bernie Breighner presented the speaker schedule for 2018

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PRESENTATION TOPIC</u>	<u>PRESENTER</u>
25 Jan 18	Model 1859 Sharps	Doug Wicklund
22 Feb 18	Colt SP1s	Ian Wulf
March	VGCA Gun Show - No Membership Meeting	N/A
26 Apr 18	Colt Single Action Army/Hollywood Coach	Phil Hill
24 May 18	History of Night Vision on Small Arms	Bernie Breighner
28 Jun 18	Heckler & Koch	Phil Groff
July	No Membership Meeting	N/A
23 Aug 18	Your Three Favorites from WWII	Member Show-n-Tell
27 Sep 18	Vzor 58	Rob Becker
25 Oct 18	TBD	TBD
November	VGCA Gun Show - No Membership Meeting	N/A
~6 Dec 18	Pot Luck/Swap Meet – No Presentation	N/A

As you can see, there is still an open date. Please contact Bernie if you are interested in giving a presentation. There is a \$50 Honorarium for VGCA members who give a presentation (\$100 Honorarium for non-members).

Dave Litchfield described a recent experience evaluating an estate collection and how the Fairfax Rod and Gun Club offers such a service. He mentioned the possibility of the VGCA offering a similar “Estate Service.”

Finally, Rick Nahas updated the membership on the recovery of our President, Ernie Lyles, from his recent surgery. Ernie returned to work this week and should rejoin us at our January meeting. Great news indeed!

President's Comments

VGCA Members,

It looks like I'll be back with you this month after recuperating from triple bypass surgery. A new year is starting and we have a Gun Show coming up in March. We need volunteers for security and all members to hand out flyers. I'll see you at the meeting on January 25th!

--Ernie Lyles, President

★ **Upcoming January 25th Meeting:** Our next meeting will have a presentation on the Model 1859 Sharps by Doug Wicklund. As always, social time begins at 6 p.m. (there will be pizza) with the meeting beginning at 7 p.m.

★ Other News! ★

★ **Membership Chairman's Report:** Please welcome our new Annual Members:

- **Gabriel F. Leyva** of Stafford, VA was sponsored by **Marc Gorelick**
- **Vincent E. Falter** of Reva, VA was sponsored by **William Chronister**
- **Daniel C. Haney** of Stanardsville, VA was sponsored by **Jeffrey Perkins**
- **Christopher C. Weber** of Ruckersville, VA was sponsored by **Shannon Zeigler**

Gentlemen, welcome aboard and congratulations. We hope to see you at the January Membership Meeting on Thursday, January 25, 2018.

★ **New Member Applications:** At the December 2017 Meeting, VGCA received Membership Applications from the following individuals. The applicant's information and sponsor's name is published below for the review of the VGCA membership. If there are any comments, please notify an Officer or Director before the January Membership Meeting.

- **Wayne A. Sinclair** of Quantico, VA is sponsored by **David Litchfield**

- Erik Mork of Sterling, VA is sponsored by **David Litchfield**

IMPORTANT: Please keep your contact information and addresses current: If you are not receiving newsletters or other VGCA mailings, or have changed either your USPS mailing address or your e-Mail address, please provide corrected information ASAP to Membership Chair, Bill Chronister at vgca_membership@cox.net (note underscore between *vgca* and *membership*). For e-mail non-receipt, **FIRST CHECK** your SPAM folder or ISP settings. While convenient, using work e-Mail addresses may affect your receipt of newsletters or ballots due to enhanced security and attachment restrictions often used in corporate or government systems. Thanks!!!

Annual Membership Renewals and 2018 dues of \$30.00 were due by January 1, 2018 and are OVERDUE. Payments may be made in person at the January 25, 2018 meeting (weather permitting) with a renewal form and a CHECK or EXACT cash only of \$30.00. Dues must be received prior to February 1, 2018, to avoid being dropped as a VGCA Member. Once dropped, you must formally reapply as new member. With the time lag in VGCA new member process, you will not be able to take advantage of the "Members' Enter Free" benefit at the March Show.

If there are questions, please email Bill Chronister, Membership Chair at vgca_membership@cox.net or call him at 703-204-0138.

VGCA ANNUAL MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

LAST CHANCE TO VOTE!

The January meeting will be your last chance to vote for the VGCA Member of the Year for 2017.

Only members in good standing who attend the meeting are eligible to vote for the fellow member of your choice. It is a way for you, the VGCA membership, to recognize a member in good standing who selflessly went above and beyond for the club or for collecting during 2017. All VGCA members, except sitting Board members and officers, are eligible to receive the award.

All members who attend the January 2018 meeting 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 (what he or she has done in 2017). 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 February meeting and presented with his/her award.

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

- Volunteering for set-up or security, or other duties during the shows
- Volunteering other services to the VGCA, such as setting up trips or administering club programs
- Giving presentations at meetings
- Promoting the VGCA or gun collecting as a whole
- Putting on displays not just at our shows but other shows to enhance collecting
- Writing articles to further collecting
- Recruiting new members to the VGCA

So come to the meeting and vote for your choice.

CMP SALES OF Model 1911 Pistols

Marc Gorelick, VGCA CMP Liaison



There have been a lot of rumors and talk about the availability and rules regarding the CMP's sales of 1911's. The following information was taken directly from the CMP website. http://thecmp.org/cmp_sales/1911-information/. VGCA members are encouraged to go directly to the website where they can sign up for e-mail updates about the 1911 sales. Here are some preliminary decisions taken by the CMP as of Dec. 19, 2017 (the latest update as of this writing).

1. CMP will have an all-new 1911 order form, 1911 purchasing instructions, a 1911 page on our web site, a dedicated 1911 FFL fax number and email address for the FFL holder to send their FFL with customer's name attached. The customer will have to send in a complete new order packet with all new qualifying criteria included. Everyone will be a new customer, everyone starts with no advantage or disadvantage. CMP 1911 is an FFL governed operation and is a separate entity from CMP and has to have its own record keeping operation with no ties to the old CMP records.
2. Decisions concerning the grade and pricing of the 1911s will not be made until inspection has occurred of a substantial quantity which will take an estimated 150 days post receipt. CMP will price at fair market value in accordance with CMP's enabling legislation.
3. Potential purchasers will have to provide to CMP a new set of 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 new form 2A with notary, 5) a signed copy of the 01, or 02, or 07 Federal Firearms License in which the 1911 will be transferred to.
4. A NICS background check will be performed by CMP on the customer 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.
5. The CMP customer will be required to complete a form 4473 in person at the FFL dealer's place of business, successfully passing a NICS check, in which the information is provided by the FFL holder to NICS, before the pistol can be transferred. This is a second NICS check performed on the customer.
6. Qualified CMP customer will only be allowed to purchase one 1911 per calendar year.
7. No 1911s available in the CMP stores, or on line, only mail order sales. All 1911 orders will come in via USPS, UPS, Fed EX, etc.
8. CMP will set the date in which it will accept orders for the 1911s. The date will be posted to the world.
9. Orders will only be accepted via mail order delivery, USPS, UPS, Fed Ex, etc.
10. Orders will only be accepted post marked on the date or after, no early orders.
11. Once CMP receives 10,000 orders, customer names will be loaded into the Random Number Generator.
12. The Random Number Generator will provide a list of names in sequence order through a random picking process to CMP.
13. Customers will be contacted in the sequence provided by the Random Number Generator.
14. When the customer is contacted a list of 1911 grades and pricing options that are available will be offered for selection of one 1911 type pistol.
15. As CMP proceeds down the sequenced list less grades and pricing options will be available.

Reasons for the two NICS checks:

First Reason: The first NICS check 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 shipped back to CMP 1911 if the purchaser is not legal to possess. The more in transit the pistol is, the more likely it could be lost or stolen. The second NICS check is performed by the local 01, or 02, or 07 FFL in accordance with their standard transfer procedures.

Second Reason: CMP's enabling legislation mandated by Congress specifies that the purchaser "successfully pass a thorough and complete background check", i.e. NICS. CMP 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 done and get a "proceed" to satisfy its enabling legislation, before shipping to the local 01, or 02, or 07 FFL.

Note: 1911 type pistols purchased from CMP cannot be transferred to 03 FFL (curio and relic) license. BATF and the United States Army prefer the second background check be performed by an FFL dealer. Each customer purchasing a 1911 type pistol from CMP will be subjected to two NICS background checks, one the information provided by CMP to NICS and the second the information will be provided to NICS by the FFL dealer in which the pistol is shipped.

Ordering Information: CMP will have an all-new 1911 order form, 1911 purchasing instructions, a 1911 page on our web site, a dedicated 1911 FFL fax number and email address for the FFL holder to send their FFL with customer name attached. The customer will have to send in a complete new order packet with all new qualifying criteria included. Everyone will be a new customer, everyone starts with no advantage or disadvantage. CMP 1911 is an FFL governed operation and is a separate entity from CMP and has to have its own record keeping operation with no ties to the old CMP records.

VGCA members are directed to number 3 above which state documentary requirements for ordering. Number 2 is proof of membership in a CMP affiliated club. I'd like to remind you that the VGCA is a CMP affiliated club. You don't have to join any other club to meet this requirement. This is one of the benefits of VGCA membership. The VGCA's CMP Affiliation ID Number (Club #) is: 026160.

The documentary requirements in number three above Number 3 above also include proof of participation in a marksmanship activity. According to the CMP website, (see Sales FAQs at http://thecmp.org/cmp_sales/sales-faq/ or Eligibility Requirements at http://thecmp.org/cmp_sales/rifle_sales/eligibility-requirements/):

Marksmanship or other Firearms Related Activity:

You must provide proof of participation in a marksmanship related activity or otherwise show familiarity with the safe handling of firearms and range procedures. Your marksmanship related activity does not have to be with highpower rifles; it can be with smallbore rifles, pistols, air guns or shotguns. Proof of marksmanship participation can be provided by documenting any of the following:

- Current or past military service.
- Current or past law enforcement service
- Participation in a rifle, pistol, air gun or shotgun competition (provide copy of results bulletin).
- Completion of a marksmanship clinic that included live fire training (provide a copy of the certificate of completion or a statement from the instructor). Visit <https://ct.thecmp.org/app/v1/index.php?do=match&task=search> to find an upcoming CMP sanctioned clinic or match.
- Distinguished, Instructor, or Coach Status.
- Concealed Carry License.
- Firearms Owner Identification Cards that included live fire training. - FFL or C&R license.
- Completion of a Hunter Safety Course that included live fire training.
- Certification from range or club official or law enforcement officer witnessing shooting activity. Complete the CMP Marksmanship Form to certify your range firing and the required marksmanship related activity for an individual to purchase from the CMP.

No proof of marksmanship required if over age 60. Proof of club membership and citizenship required for all ages. NOTE: Proof of marksmanship activity is not required for purchase of ammunition, parts, publications or memorabilia.



Not having to show marksmanship training if you are over 60 could be a benefit for many of our older VGCA members. I encourage all members who are interested in purchasing a 1911, or anything else from the CMP or have further questions, to visit the CMP website at <http://thecmp.org> or call the CMP at (256) 835-8455.

DISPLAY YOUR COLLECTION!



If you have been to any VGCA gun show, you've seen the beautiful and informative educational displays that our members have set up.

Did you know that?

- ✓ Displayers are awarded trophies and cash prizes up to \$300 for their displays.
- ✓ Display tables are free for VGCA members in good standing.
- ✓ Displayers are permitted to enter the show early on Friday afternoon to set up their displays.
- ✓ First time member displayers are given a subsidy to assist them
- ✓ Displaying often helps improve and expand your collection by showing others what you are interested in. It helps you meet others who are interested in the same type guns.

The VGCA is first and foremost a club for gun collectors. The displays put on by our members greatly enhance the mission and prestige of our organization, foster interest in gun collecting and educating the public, and solidify your reputation as a knowledgeable collector and expert. Please consider displaying your collection, or part of it, at our gun shows. Displays have ranged in size from one to many guns. And two or more members can collaborate on a display.

Go to the VGCA website, or see the show flyer for a table application or contact Rick Nahas, Show Manager at (571) 215-8761 or jet53sw@aol.com. For more information about display rules go to the VGCA website at www.vgca.net, click on Gun Show information, and then click on Show Rules link.



SHOW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

YOUR VGCA NEEDS YOUR HELP!



Volunteers are needed for **Table set-up** on Friday March 23 at 10AM. Sign up at a meeting or contact Rick Nahas, Show Manager at jet53sw@aol.com.

Volunteers are needed for **Security** on Friday during dealer setup in the afternoon, and Saturday and Sunday (March 23-25) during the show. Sign up at a meeting or contact Stephen Gomes at redleg.gomes@gmail.com.

Welcome to Stephen Gomes as the VGCA's new Show Security Chief.
A smoothly running, safe, profitable and enjoyable show depends on YOU!

VGCA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All proceeds from the show go to the VGCA. For more information, visit our website at www.vgca.net.

CULLING OR SELLING PART OF YOUR COLLECTION?

RENT A SALES TABLE AT THE VGCA SHOW!

If you are thinking of selling all or part of your gun collection (or inventory), then there is no better place than the Virginia Gun Collectors Association show.

If you have too many gun books, parts, ammunition, or gun related paraphernalia at home, then you can sell them at the VGCA show.

▶ The VGCA show attracts serious collectors and shooters. These collectors are always looking to upgrade their collections.

▶ Hundreds of people come to the show and will see what you are selling.

▶ Many potential buyers are fellow club members so you know that their word, and money, are good.

▶ Unlike selling at an auction, there is no seller's premium to pay.

▶ By being part of the show you will have a greater chance to find something to enhance you collection.

▶ If you don't want to, or cannot, take a sales table by yourself, you can rent a table with another person, or even two other people.

▶ Being part of the club show is like being among friends at a social event.

Contact Rick Nahas, Show Manager at (571) 215-8761 or jet53sw@aol.com.

For more information about display rules go to the VGCA website at www.vgca.net.

All show rules, and federal and state laws regarding firearms purchases and sales must be obeyed.

VGCA Polo Shirt Sale

Starting at the January membership meeting and running through our March Gun Show, we will be taking orders for embroidered VGCA Polo Shirts. These short-sleeved, collared shirts will be available in maroon, black, and royal blue, all with yellow embroidered "VGCA" above the pocket and optional "Life Member" on the left sleeve. Prices will be \$25.00 each (provided we can get a minimum order of 25 shirts) and can be had in sizes Medium through 3XL. There will be a sign-up sheet available at our meetings and payment can be by check or cash. Wearing a VGCA shirt during local gun shows or meetings of other collector organizations (PACA, OGCA, etc.) will bring added visibility for the VGCA.



Sample VGCA Polo Shirt in royal blue. These will be available for ordering until March 2018.

U.S. Army Transfers Springfield Armory Collection to National Parks Service

By Marc Gorelick, VGCA

As part of a formal agreement between the National Parks Service and the U.S. Army, ownership of the Benton Small Arms Collection at the armory was officially transferred on Monday, January 8, 2018 from the Army's Center of Military History to the National Parks Service.

Springfield Armory functioned as the country's principal weapons manufacturer from its founding by George Washington in 1777 through the late 1960s when it was closed. During its lifetime, it produced millions of guns to help defend the United States. The property was converted into the campus of Springfield Technical Community College, and a corner of the property, owned by the National Parks Service, exists as a museum and national park.

The Benton collection, which was established just after the Civil War, contains 6,613 artifacts and is one of the largest firearms collections in the world. It contains working and prototype firearms from before the Revolutionary War, and firearms made at Springfield Armory, other US armories, and from around the world. Much of it is curated on the upper floors of the Armory building, and away from public view. Only about 15% percent of the collection is on public display on the main floor of the museum.



For decades, the armory has been a museum run by the National Park Service, but the agency didn't own the collection. Over the summer the Army agreed to give ownership to the NPS.

Alex MacKenzie, the armory's curator said, "By formally transferring the museum collection over, we're basically ensuring that this collection will stay here and will stay locally and be able to be interpreted by the park service here on site, as opposed to being picked up and moved somewhere else."

James Woolsey, Superintendent of the Armory said that visitors should see no difference, but it does resolve the issue of ownership and the transfer will make it easier for him to get money from the park service to support the collection. "Our position is that (the collection) is the property of the American people, and we've been entrusted with caring for it," Woolsey added.

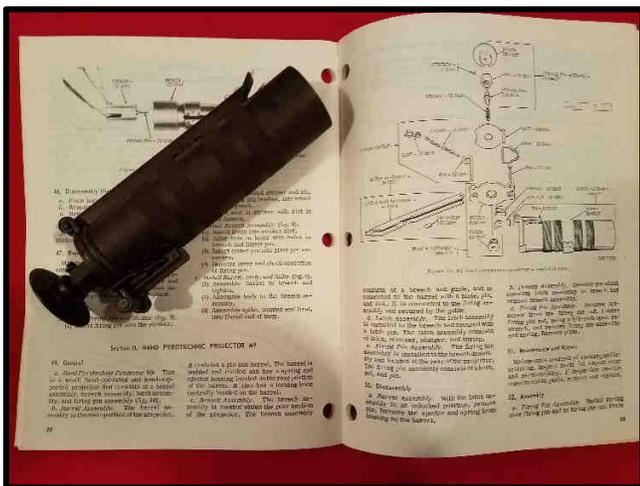
The Museum is located at 1 Armory St., Springfield, MA 01105. It is closed on Monday and Tuesday but open other days from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There is no entrance fee to visit Springfield Armory National Historic Site.

★ December 2017 Show-n-Tell ★

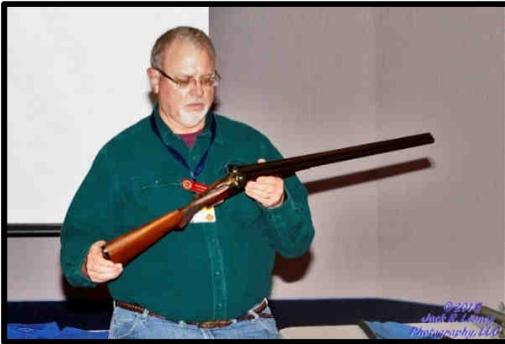
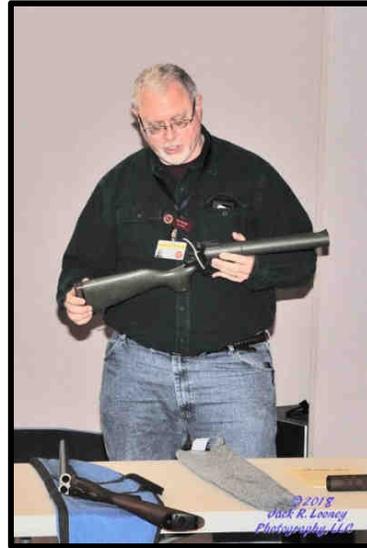
Member 1 presented a very nice Birmingham Small Arms (BSA) Company Martini Cadet rifle. It is a No. 4B Cadet rifle manufactured for Australia in 1911 and still in the original .310 Cadet caliber (many of these rifles have been rechambered, rebored, or even rebarreled). The stock has various cartouches denoting its lineage, to include “CMF” (Commonwealth Military Forces) and “Q” (Queensland). It even has its original sling.



Member 2 displayed two items. The first was an “M9 Projector – Pyrotechnic – Hand” designed and manufactured during WWII as a 37mm flare gun for aviator survival kits. The M9 replaced the Mk 3 and Mk 4 10-gauge flare projectors as the much smaller 10-gauge flare had a limited propellant charge (reducing the height reached by the flare) and a relatively small pyrotechnic display, which reduced its effectiveness as a survival tool. The M9 was unique in that it could use both rimmed and rimless 37mm flares. Production years, total produced, even who made the M9 is largely unknown. Three manufacturers have been noted (E.V.C.Co, A.M.P. Co, and G.R.B. Co). Only E.V.C.Co has been identified as the Eureka Vacuum Cleaner Company – the others have not been positively IDed. This example was made by G.R.B. Co.



Member 2's second piece was a recently acquired (thanks Rick!) Smith & Wesson Model 210/276 Tear Gas Gun, also in 37mm. Featuring a shoulder stock, 14" barrel, flip-up rear sight, and sling swivels, the Model 276 is built on the S&W N-Frame (the same used to make S&W .44 Magnum revolvers). This example is painted in a non-standard olive green (normally parkerized with natural walnut furniture) and is believed to have come from the Little Rock, Arkansas Police Department.



Member 3 brought in a double barrel Iver Johnson "Hercules Grade" shotgun (held by Member 2 at left). This side-by-side was "found" in Member 3's safe and he can't recall where it came from! This nice looking shotgun is chambered in 16 gauge.

Member 4 brought a selection of late 19th century/early 20th century double-action revolvers. The first was a Harrington & Richardson Hammerless Small Frame in .32 S&W Short. Produced in 1910 through the 1930s, this is uncommon variant, due to its blued finish.



The next handgun displayed was another Harrington & Richardson Hammerless Small Frame, also chambered in .32 S&W Short. This 5-shot was produced in 1905-1930s, and is uncommon in the snub-nose variant (known as the “Bicycle Model”). Member 4 acquired this piece at the fall 2016 VGCA Gun Show.

The third piece described was also an H&R Hammerless Small Frame, though this one was chambered in the far-less-common .22 Long Rifle.

The final revolver was an Iver Johnson Safety Hammerless Small Frame in .32 S&W. Produced in 1893 through approximately 1899, this gun featured a safety trigger very similar to the Glock design that was introduced almost 90 years later! This is an early gun, as the feature was discontinued with the advent of smokeless powder.



★ In Review ★

“In Review” is a relatively new section to the newsletter (started in August 2016) and includes VGCA member reviews of guns shows, books, and museums. If you would like to submit a review, please send it to the newsletter editor at rpebecker@verizon.net.

Gun Show

FORKS OF THE DELAWARE SHOW IS A COLLECTOR’S DELIGHT

By Marc Gorelick, VGCA

The Forks of the Delaware show, put on five times a year at the Allentown, Pennsylvania Fairgrounds, is a true arms collector show that is well worth attending. The 800+ tables in two large rooms are chock full of collectible and modern arms, accessories, ammunition and gun related items. Attending the show is like visiting a history museum, one that specializes in guns and armaments. And if you are a new collector, or an advanced collector it is worth the drive to Allentown and even overnighting there at one of the many reasonably priced hotels.



Photo courtesy of FDHAS

The show is put on by the Forks of the Delaware Historical Arms Society (FDHAS) which is a renowned non-profit collector organization that holds regular monthly member meetings. It is not a commercial promoter pretending to be a collector organization. The FDHAS has strict rules about what can and cannot be put on tables – and they rigorously enforce those rules. Permitted items include edged weapons, long arms, pistols, Class 3 weapons, flare guns, uniforms or Native American relics, books, firearm parts and accessories, military accoutrements and even military miniatures. There are no coins, jewelry, flea market items, beef jerky or other food items. Dealers who break the rules have not been invited back. It is a genuine show with a wide variety of guns, arms and related items. Guns can be found from many countries and ages. They range from firelocks, wheellocks and flintlocks up to the most modern pieces, including ARs and AKs. For the C&R collector the place can be a treasure trove. Even if you are looking for artillery accessories, you can find them at the Forks of the Delaware show.

The dealers at the show are on the whole friendly, helpful, will to talk to you and are willing to bargain. So you can acquire something at a reasonable price. If they don't have what you are looking for they will often walk you over to another dealer's table where you may find it. If they know that you are interested in, they will tell you where you can find it. I have often left the show with something that I was looking for to fill a hole in my collection. The aisles are wide, the lighting is good and there is plenty of free parking. There is no entrance fee for FDHAS members at the show and they are allowed in ½ hour before the paying public. Only members can rent tables at the show so every dealer is a club member and although there is not a large turnover of dealers, I have always found something new and interesting there.

If you are looking to fill that hole in your collection, there is a good chance you will find that rare piece at the Forks show.



The educational displays are invariably well done and informative. Although there usually aren't as many displays as there are at the Baltimore Antique Arms Show or the Ohio Gun Collectors Show, they are often as good as or better than the displays at those

shows. They also run the gamut from the most esoteric antique arms to modern arms. Prizes can be substantial. The judging follows strict guidelines.

Author's display at the October 2017 show. Photo courtesy of FDHAS

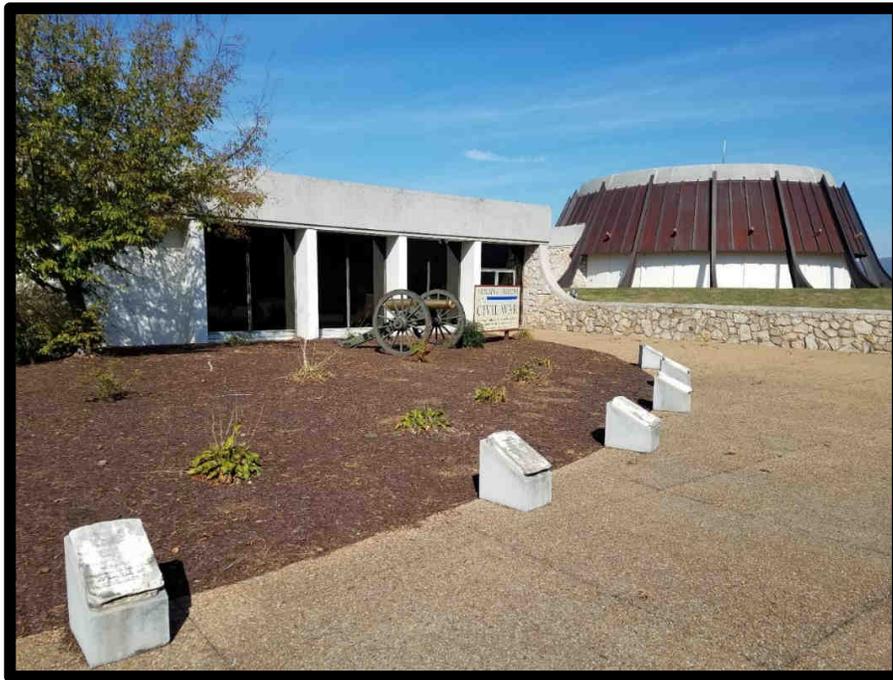
An added benefit to attending the gun show is the farmer's market right next door in the fairgrounds complex. There is fresh food and treats of all kinds, including excellent lunches at reasonable prices.

The show is held at the Allentown Fairgrounds, 17th and Chew Streets in Allentown, PA. The dates of the shows during 2018 are: Feb 10-11, May 12-13, July 14-15, Oct. 20-21, and Dec. 1-2. More information about the show can be found on the Forks of the Delaware Historical Arms Society website: <http://www.allentownshow.net>. A \$1 off coupon can also be found on the website.

Museum

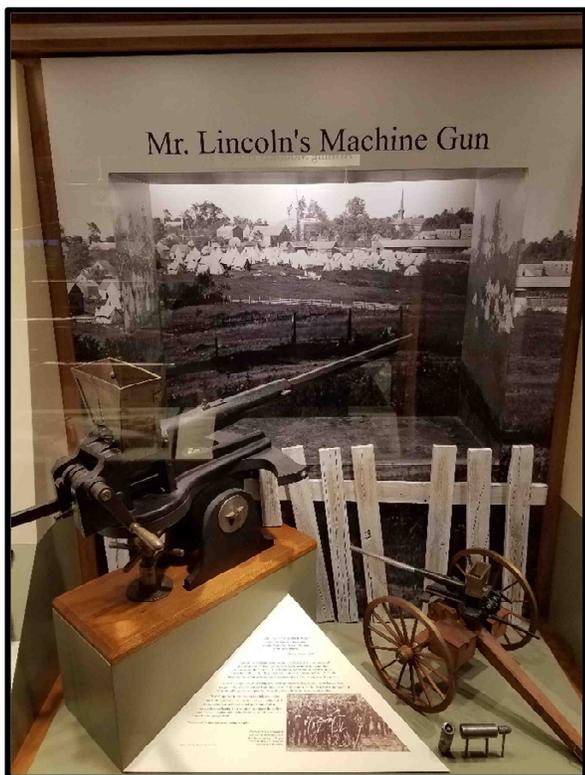
THE VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF THE CIVIL WAR

By Rob Becker, VGCA



Located just off of I-81 and next to the New Market Battlefield and historic Bushong Farm (approximately 1 ½ hours from most of us in northern VA), the Virginia Museum of the Civil War is a “must see” for those with any interest in the War of Northern Aggression/War of Southern Rebellion. This is the only state-owned Civil War museum in Virginia and is managed by the Virginia Military Institute (VMI). The VMI connection is from the Battle of New Market on May 15, 1864, in which 247 VMI cadets supported Confederate Major General John C. Breckinridge and during which 10 cadets subsequently gave their lives.

The Rotunda (*at right in the picture at the beginning of this article*) is designed to suggest a stylized drum with buttresses resembling rifle stocks. Inside, it contains chronologically arranged exhibits highlighting the Civil War battles and events that took place on Virginia soil – and only those that took place in Virginia. Do not look for exhibits on the battles of Gettysburg or Vicksburg – you won't find them!



the VGCA - the Kaminsky Gallery of Civil War Arms. This extensive collection of Civil War weapons, donated by collector Martin Kaminsky of New York, is in a separate gallery and has only been on display since 2016.

The weapons are well displayed and their accompanying plaques are clear and informative. One noteworthy display is titled "Mr. Lincoln's Machine Gun" and features the hand-cranked .58 caliber Agar (sometimes spelled "Ager") gun – also known as the "Coffee-Mill Gun" for its resemblance to a contemporary coffee mill (*shown at left*). An early version of the Agar gun was demonstrated to President Lincoln in 1862 and subsequently earned his endorsement. I found the display of Civil War cavalry carbines to be very impressive – as was the collection of Confederate arms. OK – I pretty much liked all of the displays!

Below the Rotunda is the part of the museum that will probably appeal most to the members of



Plan on spending one to two hours in the museum (be sure to watch the Emmy-Award winning video on the Battle of New Market entitled "Field of Lost Shoes") and schedule another hour walking the battlefield. Past the orchard behind Bushong Farm House is the actual "Field of Lost Shoes." The New Market Battle took place following several days of rain, and the freshly plowed field was a quagmire that sucked the shoes off of the feet of many of the advancing Confederates. Facing the field from the north is a lone cannon representing the location of the Union forces. Though this particular piece is a

reproduction, to the west (left) of this cannon and at the top of slight rise are two more authentic pieces of artillery, which were donated by noted Civil War author Jeff Shaara (son of Michael Shaara of “Killer Angels” fame) in 2004.



Scenes from the New Market Battlefield, to include the Bushong Farm House (left) around which the VMI cadets attacked and two cannons on the Union line donated by the author Jeff Shaara on the 140th Anniversary of the battle (right).

The museum is open daily year-round 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, and Christmas day. Adult admission is \$10 each, with discounts for seniors, kids, and military (active and retired) and their families. VMI cadets, their parents and alumni, as well as children under 5 years old, are free.

★ Upcoming Events and Shows ★

PLEASE NOTE: There are sometimes changes in schedules by gun show promoters or errors on websites. Members are strongly encouraged to *verify before driving to a show*. These dates have been published as of this writing, but are not guaranteed. If you have a favorite show you would like to tell other members about, please email the Editor with a short review, including the show content, i.e., modern, new, collectible or antique, and I will include it as room permits. **Yellow** = Collector organizations.

VIRGINIA - 2018

- Jan 27-28, 2018 – Fredericksburg, VA – Expo and Conference Center – SGK
- Jan 27-28, 2018 – Fishersville, VA – Augusta Expo Center - Showmasters
- Feb 3-4, 2018 – Virginia Beach, VA – Convention Center - SGK
- Feb 9-11, 2018 - Chantilly, VA – Dulles Expo Center – Showmasters
- Feb 17-18, 2018 – Winchester, VA – Body Renew Fitness & Family Sports Center – SGK
- Feb 24-25, 2018 – Doswell, VA – Farm Bureau Center at Meadow Event Park – SGK
- Feb 24-25, 2018 – Hillsville, VA – VFW #1115 – Blue Ridge Gun Show
- Mar 3-4, 2018 – Warsaw, VA – Times Square Shopping Center – Richmond County VFD

VIRGINIA – 2018 (continued)

- Mar 10-11, 2018 – Dale City, VA – Dale City VFW - Showmasters
- Mar 17-18, 2018 – Hampton, VA – Hampton Roads Convention Center – SGK
- Mar 17-18, 2018 – Roanoke, VA – The Berglund Center – Showmasters
- Mar 24-25, 2018 – Manassas, VA – PWC Fairgrounds – VGCA (our spring show!)
- Mar 24-25, 2018 – Fredericksburg, VA – Expo and Conference Center – SGK

- ⊕ Mar 24-25, 2018 – Richmond, VA – Richmond Raceway - *Showmasters*
- ⊕ Apr 7-8, 2018 – Fishersville, VA – Augusta Expo Center - *Showmasters*
- ⊕ Apr 20-22, 2018 - Chantilly, VA – Dulles Expo Center – *Showmasters*
- ⊕ Apr 28-29, 2018 – Manassas, VA – PWC Fairgrounds – *SGK*
- ⊕ Apr 28-29, 2018 – Salem, VA - Salem Civic Center - *C&E*

MARYLAND - 2018

- ⊕ Feb 3-4, 2018 – West Friendship, MD – Howard County Fairgrounds - *Silverado Gun Shows*
- ⊕ Mar 17-18, 2018 – Timonium, MD – Timonium Fairgrounds – *Baltimore Antique Arms*
- ⊕ Apr 7-8, 2018 – Frederick, MD – Frederick Fairgrounds - *Silverado Gun Shows*
- ⊕ Apr 14-15, 2018 – Timonium, MD – Timonium Fairgrounds - *Appalachian Promotions*

PENNSYLVANIA - 2018

- ⊕ Jan 27-28, 2018 – Gettysburg, PA – Allstar Events Complex - *Eagle Arms*
- ⊕ Feb 3-4, 2018 – Allentown, PA – Econolodge Conference Center – *Eagle Arms*
- ⊕ Feb 3-4, 2018 - Monroeville, PA – Monroeville Convention Center – *Showmasters*
- ⊕ Feb 3-4, 2018 – Lancaster, PA – Farm and Home Center – *Lancaster Muzzle Loader Rifle Assoc.*
- ⊕ Feb 3-11, 2018 – Harrisburg, PA – Farm Show Complex – *Great American Outdoor Show -NRA*
- ⊕ Feb 9-11, 2018 - Oaks, PA – Expo Center – *Eagle Arms*
- ⊕ Feb 10-11, 2018 – Allentown, PA – Allentown Fairgrounds – *Forks of the Delaware Historical Arms Society*
- ⊕ Feb 17-18, 2018 – Bloomsburg, PA – Bloomsburg Fairgrounds – *Eagle Arms*
- ⊕ Feb 17-18, 2018 – Clintonville, PA – Clintonville Volunteer Fire Department - *CVFD*
- ⊕ Feb 17-18, 2018 – Dillsburg, PA – Monaghan Township Fire Hall – *Central Pennsylvania Antique Arms Association*
- ⊕ Feb 17-18, 2018 – Philadelphia, PA – National Guard Armory – *Appalachian Promotions*
- ⊕ Feb 24-25, 2018 – Wind Gap, PA – Plainfield Township Volunteer Fire Company - *Eagle Arms*
- ⊕ Feb 24-25, 2018 – Promised Land, PA – Promised Land Vol. Fire & Ambulance – *Jaeger Arms*
- ⊕ Feb 24-25, 2018 – Ridgway, PA – Ridgway Rifle Club – *Ridgway Rifle Club*
- ⊕ Feb 24-25, 2018 – York, PA – York Fairgrounds - *Appalachian Promotions*
- ⊕ Mar 3-4, 2018 – Delta, PA – Delta Peach Bottom Club – *Delta Peach Bottom Fish&Game Assoc.*
- ⊕ Mar 3-4, 2018 – Morgantown, PA – Morgantown Center - *Eagle Arms*
- ⊕ Mar 3-4, 2018 – Scranton, PA – Ice Box Arena – *Jaeger Arms Promotions*
- ⊕ Mar 3-4, 2018 – Waynesboro, PA – Waynesboro Fish & Game – *Waynesboro Fish-Game Assoc.*
- ⊕ Mar 5, 2018 – Brookville, PA – Jefferson Co Fairgrounds – *Jefferson County Historical Society*
- ⊕ Mar 10-11, 2018 – Harrisburg, PA – PA Farm Show Complex-Main Hall - *C&E*
- ⊕ Mar 10-11, 2018 – Quarryville, PA – Solanco Fairgrounds - *SLCFSA*
- ⊕ Mar 17-18, 2018 – Split Rock, PA – 100 Mossywood Rd, Lake Harmony - *Eagle Arms*
- ⊕ Mar 17-18, 2018 – New Castle, PA – Scott Township Volunteer Fire Dept - *Scott Township VFD*
- ⊕ Mar 17-18, 2018 – St Thomas, PA – St Thomas Volunteer Fire Dept – *Frontier County Gun Club*
- ⊕ Mar 18, 2018 – Portland, PA – William Pensyl Social Hall – *Portland Hook & Ladder Co. #1*
- ⊕ Mar 23-25, 2018 - Oaks, PA – Expo Center – *Eagle Arms*
- ⊕ Mar 24, 2018 – Shippensburg, PA – Shippensburg Auction Center – *Hunters Gun Show LLC*
- ⊕ Apr 7-8, 2018 - Lebanon, PA – Lebanon Valley Expo Center & Fairgrounds – *Eagle Arms*

PENNSYLVANIA – 2018 (continued)

- ⊕ Apr 7-8, 2018 - Monroeville, PA – Monroeville Convention Center – *Showmasters*
- ⊕ Apr 14-15, 2018 – Stroudsburg, PA – Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Co – *Jaeger Arms*
- ⊕ Apr 14-15, 2018 – Washington, PA – Washington County Fairgrounds – *ARH Sport Shop*
- ⊕ Apr 14-15, 2018 – Wind Gap, PA – Plainfield Township Volunteer Fire Company - *Eagle Arms*
- ⊕ Apr 21-22, 2018 – Allentown, PA – Econolodge Conference Center – *Eagle Arms*

- ☞ Apr 21-22, 2018 – Centre Hall, PA – Centre Co Grange Fairgrounds – *Outdoor Sportsman Club*
- ☞ Apr 21-22, 2018 – Philadelphia, PA – National Guard Armory – *Appalachian Promotions*
- ☞ Apr 28-29, 2018 – Carlisle, PA – Carlisle Expo Center – *Eagle Arms*
- ☞ Apr 28-29, 2018 – Seneca, PA – Old Cranberry High School – *Front Sight Firearms & Training*
- ☞ Apr 28-29, 2018 – Schnecksville, PA – Schnecksville Fire Co - *Appalachian Promotions*
- ☞ Apr 28-29, 2018 – Hamlin, PA – Hamlin Fire & Rescue Bingo - *Jaeger Arms*

SPECIAL NOTE – 2018

- ☞ Feb 22-25, 2018 – Louisville, KY – Kentucky Exposition Center – *Ohio Valley Military Society*
- ☞ Mar 10-11, 2018 – Wilmington, OH – The Roberts Centre – *Ohio Gun Collector's Association*

FOR SALE:

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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.

WANT-TO-SELL: Firearms

- ★ Dan Wesson Model 15, .357 Magnum, Blue, (3) Barrel Kit:
Comes with 4", 6", & 8" barrels, spare front sights, spare barrel nuts, spare Hand Spring, multi tool & barrel gap spacer, lockable case, and brand new trigger lock. Also includes a leather holster and (2) HKS Speed Loaders.
Value. \$1,250.00, asking \$1,000.00.
- ★ Beretta 1934, 9mm Corto (w/most of a box of .380 ACP), \$225
[Without mag, mags \$30 each if I can figure out where they are!]
- ★ Colt SAA, .45 Colt, 5.5", Gen 3 [1976~1980 Production] \$1,200
- ★ Uberti [Cimarron Import] Colt SAA, .32 WCF, 5.5" \$525
- ★ Uberti [Cimarron Import] Colt Mason Richards [?] Conversion, 5.5", .45 Schoefield, (Only imported one year), \$550
- ★ S&W Model 36, 3", Nickle, \$575
- ★ S&W Mod 64, 4", New-In-Box, \$525
- ★ Hi-Standard HD Military, 6", \$525
- ★ N.R. Davis & Sons SxS 12 ga, 26", \$450
- ★ 1898 Krag, .30 U.S. Army, Mfg. in 1899, \$2,000
- ★ Winchester Mod 12, 12 ga, Riot w/Proper US markings, \$3,500
- ★ Winchester Mod 1894, .23-35 Win, Saddle Ring Carbine, 3-leaf Rear Sight,

Mfg. 1914, \$2,000

- ✪ FN Hi Power with 2 mags. All original, all matching (including the mags). \$1200

As always: Cash Talks! Do not insult me by offering a price that is less than 90% of my asking price, just because you want to make a 50% profit on re-sale at a gun show or to collectors you know who will pay more. **Call Jack at 703-999-9458.**

WANT-TO-SELL: Ammo

- ✪ 5.56 Blanks: 460 rounds in 23 twenty round cardboard boxes: Lake City: \$50.00

✪ 7.62x51: 2 ammo cans holding 194 linked rounds in each can: 388 rounds, Malaysia 1980s: \$150.00

✪ 7.62x51 Blanks: Over 3,000 rounds of Austrian blanks (used by NATO). All cleanly packed in 20 round cartons sealed in a 3,000 round unopened containers, plus 2-4 200 round packages sealed, unopened. \$300.00

No tax, just pay the price for each in cash. If interested, **contact Dave at litchfd@comcast.net** this week and he will bring the ammunition to our meeting on the 25th.

WANT-TO-BUY:

- ✪ Member Kim Walton is interested in buying Newton and Meeker rifles. If you have one to sell, please contact him at (210)-602-0506 or copo6970@yahoo.com
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