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Presentation from the September 27th Meeting:

Our speaker for the evening was **Kent Jefferies, Supervisory Air Marshal in Charge (SAC) for Field Workforce Operations** of the Federal Air Marshal Service (FAMS). Special Agent (S/A) Jeffries began with a brief curriculum vitae. He started his law enforcement career in the Des Moines, Iowa area when he became a law enforcement Explorer. This in turn led to his interest in that career



path instead of the family military tradition. He started with the FBI working in the NCIC section from 1974-77 when he left for the Fairfax, Virginia Police Department in 1978. He later left Fairfax PD after being recruited by the U.S. Secret Service, where he served on the Presidential Candidate Ronald Reagan’s security detail. He told the audience it was evidence of not being able to keep a job... He also told a number of anecdotes about candidate and then President Reagan. He was an early advocate of interdepartmental liaison efforts and partnerships and was working as a Secret Service liaison officer with the FBI at their Operations Center when 9-11 occurred. Stepping back to cover some of his interests in firearms, Mr. Jeffries has a keen interest in Walther pistols and was also a childhood fan of the “*Man from U.N.C.L.E.*” television show. One of the many tools and gadgets used by the secret agents of U.N.C.L.E., was a special component pistol/rifle weapon that was based on the classic lines of the Walther P38. Mr. Jeffries showed a model of the U.N.C.L.E. gun that he built as P38 collector and fan of the show. Unfortunately, many of the features (such as the shoulder stock and suppressor) are not present or are cosmetic only since to assemble an accurate working model with all the features of the television show would require a Class III license. A question and answer session followed, but S/A Jeffries limited his remarks and presentation to his interests and did not address his current position or job with the Federal Air Marshal Service. It was an unusual and interesting presentation.

Upcoming for the October 25th Meeting: Lt.Col. Bernie Breighner, USAF Ret., Collector Class III, Sniper Rifles, and other weapons, will speak about the Mk 11, Mod.0 Sniper Rifle based on the Knight’s SR-25. As usual, we need members to help clean up all trash. This is critical due to NRA events in the lecture hall the next day.



Remaining 2012 Meetings and Speaker Topics (any changes will be noted in future Newsletters):

- **November: No Meeting – Fall Gun Show;**
- **December 6:** Annual VGCA Holiday Pot Luck Dinner, BoD Candidate Nominations, extended Show & Tell/Holiday Swap Meet.

2013 Presentation Volunteers Needed: We will need presenters for 2013. Call one of the Association officers now to request your preferred month for 2013. There are 9 potential presentation dates (January, February, April,

May, June, August, September, October and December) in 2013. We do not have meetings in the gun show months (March and November) or in mid-summer (July). You do not need to do it solo (grab a partner or friend) and it need not be a marathon. Short and direct works best; and it does not require slides. If you wish, there are members who will assist you create a PowerPoint presentation.

Business Meeting for September 27th Meeting: The meeting started with the Pledge, followed by **Dave Litchfield**'s announcements. VGCA provided 10 free admission tickets to our November Gun Show to the Friends of the NRA. **Bill York** provided an update on the planned VGCA field trip to visit the Springfield Armory National Park and the Smith & Wesson factory in Massachusetts, and the Colt facility in Hartford, Connecticut. Unfortunately, the Colt segment of the trip has been cancelled as they are unable to support a large group. Additionally, the staff at Springfield Armory had a conflict come up and will need to reschedule. (Please see the President's Message below on the updated schedule.) **Larry Hare**, Membership Coordinator put forth a new member application for **Norman Danford**, of Gainesville, VA. He was accepted in a unanimous vote. Treasurer **Ed Costello** provided an update on the Association budget and some recent expenditures. He also fielded questions from a member about the Association's reserves. **Rick Nahas** updated those present on the Fall Gun Show progress and that only one table remained. **John Frietsch** requested volunteers for the Gun Show. **Bill Chronister** provided a status update on some changes to the Association bylaws. The business meeting concluded with **Jim Burgess** highlighting the upcoming N-SSA National Matches on October 3-6, 2012 in the Winchester area.

Notes from the Podium – President's Message:

Fall is coming and things are heating up for the Virginia Gun Collectors Association. We are sold out for tables in the first building for our November Gun Show, thanks to the hard work of Rick Nahas and our Show Committee. We are going to have the second building open and Sam Hatfield will operate his electronic shooting range back there for the second show in a row. We will also have military vehicles on display and we have ample room for more sales tables if anyone is interested.

We are in the final planning stages for our trip to visit the Springfield Armory Museum and Smith & Wesson plant in Springfield Mass during October. The actual date is shaping up to be Tuesday, October 23, which will allow us to return home the next day on the 24th in time for our monthly meeting on Thursday, October 25.

We still need volunteers to support the Security Team at our Gun Show on November 2, 3 & 4. Please call in your names to the POCs listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

We are seeking volunteers for Monthly Meeting Speakers during 2013. I spoke to Val Forgett at the Chantilly Gun Show this last weekend, and Val told me he has a very interesting film his father shot on Bannerman's Island in New York where the massive stocks of Bannerman armaments were stored during the 1900s. This will be great if we can see it.

Now is the time for you to step up and present to the members. Our members' presentations have always been some of our finest evenings.

I predict a very good show for us in November, and we'll need everyone to help all they can.

~~ Happy Collecting, *Dave Litchfield*

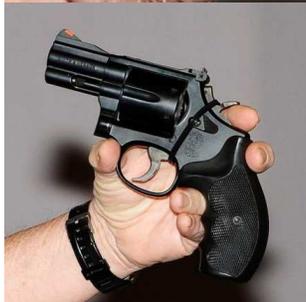
Announcements, etc.

- ⊙ **Notice:** The VGCA critically needs a volunteer to serve as the **Deputy Security Manager** for the Gun Shows. Please call **John Frietsch, Safety and Security Coordinator** at 1-540-409-1271, or any of the Club Officers or Directors if you would like to take on this important role.
- ⊙ **CALL for Fall 2012 VGCA Gun Show Volunteers:** The dates are November 2nd (vendor set-up), with the show on November 3rd and 4th. We always need volunteers for the **Show Table Setup** and the **Safety and Security Teams**, as well as some folks to help with the **Sign Detail** the morning of the show, and pick them up after the show on Sunday, etc. This is even more important with the show now being in 2 buildings. Tell **John Frietsch, Dave Litchfield** or one of the Association Officers or Directors if you wish to volunteer, or sign up at the three monthly meetings left before the show. Talk to **Larry Hare** or **Steve Phillippy** if you want to help with signs. Fall Gun Show table set-up will be on Friday, November 2, exact time TBA, but usually around 11:00AM, or whenever the tables arrive!

- ⊙ **Safety Team Volunteers:** If any member wishes to help out for an hour or so at the show, please call **John Frietsch**, Safety and Security Coordinator at 1-540-409-1271. **Remember, volunteering for the Security, Safety, and Setup teams gets a free admission.**
- ⊙ **Fall 2012 VGCA Gun Show Sales Tables:** *Calling all members!!!* The Association *still has tables remaining for the Fall 2012 VGCA Gun Show in the second building.* Members who wish to reserve a table for disposing of your unloved or duplicate firearms, accoutrements, parts collectable accessories, or other gun collecting related items, please contact Rick Nahas, ASAP. **We have 2 buildings and tables are going FAST! This show is right before the 2012 Presidential Election and should be quite busy if recent shows are an indication.** If you believe manning a sales table alone would be too demanding and not allow you time to hunt for deals or talk to other members, get a partner and share the duties and have relief for your time around the show. Show tables cost \$60 each, so share the costs with a colleague.
- ⊙ **Upcoming 2013 Elections for the VGCA Board of Directors:** In January 2013, as directed by the Association bylaws, there will be another election to fill the full terms on the Board of Directors. Consider who you wish to fill these positions. The Incumbents are **Jim Burgess, John Frietsch** and **Marc Gorelick**. If you wish to nominate one or all of the current Board member(s), someone else, or even run yourself, give it serious consideration. An Election committee will be announced and will include who to contact for nominations.

Show & Tell for the September 27th Meeting: The evening's Show and Tell had some interesting oddities and rarities. **Member 1** showed what appeared to be a Prussian needle-fire carbine in relic condition, (i.e., parts missing and rusty.) **Member 2** showed a Walther P-38K pistol. This pistol, which has a short barrel and the front sight mounted on the slide, was an uncommon compact, concealable variant of the famous Walter P38 pistol. **Member 3** showed a very interesting S&W Model 38/44 Heavy Duty revolver that was given to a young Marine who carried it in the battle for the Chosin Reservoir during the Korean War. After the battle he had it engraved in Tokyo, Japan with high quality Japanese-style engraving and the lettering "Japan-Korea 1950." He also showed a second S&W 686 stainless steel revolver with experimental "midnight black" finish. His third item was a small flintlock screw-barrel pistol from the United Kingdom. **Member 4** showed a .38 Special "Thunder-Zap" safety round. This cartridge, which had a 38 grain plastic bullet, was originally developed for use inside of airliners to avoid puncturing the fuselage. **Member 5** presented an Iver-Johnson Model 844 revolver in excellent condition. He also had an Iver-Johnson Model 855 Target revolver, a single action-only design for match shooting. Accompanying the revolvers was a subject resource book, *The Iver-Johnson Bible*. **Member 6** displayed a small swivel cannon from 1721. It was designed to be loaded with small balls and other projectiles as an anti-boarding tool against pirates and bandits. It was made by T. Pike of Bridgewater, England in a bronze bell foundry. With its 1.75 inch bore, and lack of military markings, it was most likely for a civilian-owned vessel.

Photos from the August Meeting



Upper L: These small flintlock screw-barrel pistols from the United Kingdom were often used as pocket or boot pistols for self-defense at close range.

Upper R: Swivel cannon from 1721, made by T. Pike of Bridgewater, England in a bronze bell foundry.

Lower L: S&W 686 stainless steel revolver with experimental "midnight black" finish.

Upcoming Events and Shows

PLEASE NOTE: There are sometimes changes in schedules or errors on websites. Members are strongly encouraged to *verify before driving to a show*. These dates have been published online, but are not guaranteed. **Yellow** = Collector organizations.

VIRGINIA 2012

- ⇒ October 13-14, 2012 - Harrisonburg, VA - Rockingham County Fairgrounds – *C&E Gun Show*
- ⇒ **October 19-20, 2012 (Fri.-Sat.) – Salem, VA - 22nd ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL AIRGUN & TOY GUN EXPOSITION**, Roanoke Moose #284, 3233 Catawba Valley Dr. – Fri, 12-7PM, Sat, 9AM-4PM
- ⇒ **October 20-21, 2012 – Marshall, VA - Ruritian Club, 8400 Salem Ave., F&S Shows & Old Dominion Shows (NEW!)**
- ⇒ October 20-21, 2012 - Richmond, VA – Showplace - *C&E Gun Show*
- ⇒ October 27-28, 2012 - Roanoke, VA - Roanoke Civic Center – *Showmasters*
- ⇒ **November 3-4, 2012 - Manassas, VA - Prince William County Fairgrounds – Virginia Gun Collectors Association**
- ⇒ November 3-4, 2012 - Dale City, VA - VFW Post 1503 - *Old Dominion Shows*
- ⇒ November 3-4, 2012 - Norfolk, VA – Norfolk Scope Arena - *C&E Gun Show*
- ⇒ November 10-11, 2012 - Richmond, VA - Raceway & Fairgrounds – *Showmasters*
- ⇒ November 16-18, 2012 - Chantilly, VA – Dulles Expo Center - Nation's Gun Show – *C&E Gun Show*
- ⇒ November 24-25, 2012 - Hampton, VA - Convention Center - *SGK, LTD*

MARYLAND 2012

- ⇒ November 3-4, 2012 – Upper Marlboro, MD - Show Place Arena (P.G. County) – *Silverado Productions*
- ⇒ November 10-11, 2012 – Frederick, MD - Frederick Fairgrounds – *Silverado Productions*
- ⇒ December 15-16, 2012 - Annapolis, MD - Annapolis Armory – *Appalachian Promotions*

PENNSYLVANIA 2012

- ⇒ October 13-14, 2012 - Allentown, PA - Rodeway Inn - *Eagle Arms*
- ⇒ **October 20-21, 2012 - Allentown, PA - Agricultural Hall - Forks of the Delaware Historical Arms Society. Contact: FDHAS, 3491 Linden St., Bethlehem, PA 18017. 610-997-8613 after 6pm.**
- ⇒ October 27-28, 2012 - Monroeville, PA - Convention Center - *C&E Gun Shows*
- ⇒ October 27-28, 2012 - York, PA - York Fairgrounds (Toyota Arena) – *Appalachian Promotions*
- ⇒ November 3-4, 2012 – Reading, PA - Reading Expo Center – *Eagle Arms*
- ⇒ November 10-11, 2012 - Poconos, PA - Split Rock Lodge - *Eagle Arms*
- ⇒ November 10-11, 2012- Tarentum, PA - Pittsburgh Mills Galleria - *Pennsylvania Gun Collectors Association.*
- ⇒ November 17-18, 2012 - Gettysburg, PA - Allstar Sports Complex - *Eagle Arms*

OHIO 2012

- ⇒ **New: October 27-28, 2012 – Cleveland, OH - The I-X Center - Ohio Gun Collectors Association. OGCA MEMBERS ONLY. <http://www.ogca.com/index.htm>**
- ⇒ **November 17-18, 2012 – Wilmington, OH – Roberts Centre - Ohio Gun Collectors Association. OGCA MEMBERS ONLY. <http://www.ogca.com/index.htm>**

NEW YORK 2012

- ⇒ **December 8-9, 2012 – Freeport, NY - The Freeport Recreation Center - Long Island Antique Historical Arms Society. Contact: Dave Gruner (631) 722-3248, P.O. Box 41, Jamesport, NY 11947**

“Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn’t pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and passed on ... or we will spend our sunset years telling our children's children what it was like in the United States when men were free.”
– Ronald Reagan

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