



# Alabama Military Collectors Association

*“Preserving History for Future Generations”*

## AMCA-News

### 2nd AMCA Show 7-8 September Challenging.....but Successful!!!

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As promised in March, AMCA took over the entire 12,500 square foot Jaycees Building offering 150 tables to the membership and fellow collectors. As the receipt of table reservations quickened in the days just prior to the opening, plans to include a few large static displays provide by the Huntsville Military Museum to fill table sales shortfalls, were abandoned to make room for more participants. At the opening of the Show 130 tables had been sold, a 40% increase in table sales over March. The 2-day event did however have to contend with working public of Friday and Auburn and Alabama Football of Saturday...These two factors are believed to be the greatest contributors to the lower than expected public support. But, “The Show Must Go On”. Plans are in the works to assess lessons learned, coupled with membership recommendations to improve public participation for our next Show. Dates to be announced. Check the website for updates!



A Larger Area nearly Filled...Friday!

Fifteen New Members join AMCA. We thank them for their support and encourage their participation.

### The City of Huntsville Recognizes AMCA

On the 23rd of August 2007 the Huntsville City Council publicly recognized AMCA and its Membership in a televised ceremony in the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. Ms Sandra Moon District 3 Representative read Resolution Nr. 07-816 to a filled chamber and presented it to Carl Vencill and Mike Elrod, who accepted it for the membership. In the resolution, which was on display at our last Show, it describes the associations begin, purpose, mission and goals. Being recognized by the City Counsel in itself is a noteworthy and possibly monumental achievement for a Military Show given the cities positions over the past sixteen years relative to “shows-with-guns” in city managed or owned facilities. All the membership should be proud of this award. Continuing to have a safe, well organized and attended Show will perpetuate AMCA into a position of relevance for quality militaria within the Southeastern region and hopefully Nationally in the years to come.



“A Welcomed, Steadfast Supporter”

### One more Time.....Display Awards



For the second consecutive time is so many shows Doss & Ruth White secured 1st Place Recognition for their “US Type 99, Japanese Cal. 30 display. Mr. Joe Martin of Kenesaw, GA received

2nd Place honors with his beautiful & rare British Lancer headgear...”Way-to-go-Joe”. 3rd Place was a “no contest” for David Rodgers who’s Iraqis Guard & Field Gear display crushed the competition when the scoring was tallied. Displays, while plenty of work are



David Rogers Reveives 3rd Place Awar

very self-satisfying and provide the Membership and Public insight into what collecting is all about. Thanks to all who participated, those who won and especially those who didn’t for sharing with us their collect-

ing interests. AMCA encourages all the members to display at least once annually. Sounds like a Challenge!



Joe...

### Special Guest: Mr. Ed Yielding (SR-71 Pilot)

Many thanks to Bob Jaques for arranging to have Ed join us on Saturday for autographs and a book signing, supported by Barns & Noble of Huntsville. A short Bio; Ed was raised in Florence, AL, He was a co-op student at Auburn and was commissioned through ROTC in 1972. He was an active duty pilot for 23 years. He flew the SR-71 for 6 years, setting 5 air-speed records. Ed

flew the SR-71 to the Smithsonian when it was retired from the Air Force in 1990 at Mach 3.3. He also flew the Gulfstream III at Andrews AFB for many top Gov’t leaders; Barbara Bush, Dick Cheney, Colin Powell, Hillary Clinton and Al Gore, Ed retired as at Lieutenant Colonel and since 1996 has been flying DC-10’s for Northwest. Thanks Ed for your service to your country.