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Trappings of the World's Armed Forces*

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## Our Next Two Shows...

**MAX 2017 Show, October 5-8, 2017**  
at the Monroeville Convention Center, Monroeville, PA



### MAX 2017 SHOW HOURS

**Wednesday:** Exhibitor Packet Pick Up 1 pm - 5 pm  
Exhibitor Drop-Off Only 3-6 pm  
**Thursday:** Dealers: 9 am - 5 pm  
OVMS Members: 12 noon - 5 pm  
**Friday:** Dealers: 8:30 am - 5 pm  
OVMS Members & Public: 9 am - 5 pm  
**Saturday:** Dealers: 8:30 am - 4 pm  
OVMS Members & Public: 9 am - 4 pm  
**Sunday** - Dealer move-out day:  
Dealers & OVMS members: 9 am - Noon  
After 12 noon - dealers only.

**Roberts Centre Show, November 3-4, 2017**  
at the Roberts Centre, Wilmington, OH

### ROBERTS CENTRE SHOW HOURS

**Thursday:** Exhibitor Drop-Off Only (7-8 pm)  
**Friday:** Exhibitor Move-In: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm  
Members: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Public: Noon - 5:00 pm  
**Saturday:** Exhibitor: 8:30 am - 3:00 pm  
Members & Public: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm



### FUTURE SHOW DATES

**2018 Show of Shows**

February 22-25, 2018

## A Message from the President Brian Coates

I hope everyone had a great show this year at the 2017 Show of Shows. I would like to thank everyone involved who helped this year with the set up and daily operations of the show. We would not have had a great show without Bill Combs who spent many a long night and weekend getting everything ready, so thank you Bill! I'm glad to report we had good numbers through the gate and a noticeable increase to our membership. I hope everyone appreciated a few additions including Port O lets and directional signs for set up. I would also like to thank everyone who stayed until Sunday. I believe we had approximately 40% of tabled holders in the hall on Sunday and I don't know about you but I had sales!

I appreciate everyone's patience this year with the new membership requirement. I especially want to thank our front desk ladies, they had long busy days! I know there were long lines at the packet pick-up, but I am glad to report we still got everyone in by closing time on Wednesday night. To help reduce long lines I ask that anyone who will be a table holder or helper have their membership badge issues resolved during the year and not at the show.

On this topic I would also remind everyone they are required to have their plastic member badge. Please contact the office to ensure you have yours and thus avoid any delays at the door. Displaying the membership card will not get you

in!

I hope you had a chance this year to stop by and talk to our veteran guests. We had a great lineup of hero's thanks to Larry and Maureen Eads. Make sure you give Larry and Mo a "thumbs up" next time you see them. It takes a great deal of work to organize our guests.

As always I encourage creative ideas from members to enhance the experience. This year it was suggested we mail out the packets before the show. I am discussing this with the officers to see if it is financially responsible.

Until next time spread the word, we have two shows in Wilmington Ohio and of course the Max in Monroeville Pennsylvania in the fall.

Take care and God bless.

## Charlottesville, the Swastika and MAX Show Rules

We are all aware of the tragic events that recently occurred at a riot in Charlottesville, VA. Events such as this can cause a raise in the emotions of the general public against certain symbols, both historic and modern, that can be perceived as emblems of hate. Because of this current heated political climate, the OVMS believes it is a good time to remind our members, dealers, guests and the public of some long standing MAX Show and OVMS rules. These rules will be strictly enforced at Monroeville.

Since the beginning of the MAX Show over 30 years ago, three

rules have been in place.

1. NAZI FLAGS: No original Nazi flag of any kind may be displayed on a pole, rack, cross pole, or by hanging it on a wall. Original Nazi flags may be displayed folded on a table.

2. ADOLF HITLER BUSTS: The bust of Adolf Hitler may not be displayed upright and must be laid flat on the table.

3. UNIFORMS WITH NAZI ARMBANDS: Nazi political and military uniforms that have as part of their insignia a swastika armband may not be displayed on a mannequin, half mannequin, dummy, and rack, or hung on a wall. They may be displayed flat on a table.

These rules were first established as part of the agreement with the owners of the Monroeville facilities and, even though they may not have been strictly enforced at times, they have never been revoked.

In addition to these MAX Show rules, the OVMS also has several relevant rules.

1. NAZI ARMBANDS MAY NOT BE WORN: Participants at all OVMS shows may not wear uniforms or clothing that displays a Nazi armband. Anyone wearing such a garment will be asked to remove it. If they do not, they will be escorted from the show, including any adjacent property such as the parking lot.

2. KU KLUX KLAN MEMORABILIA: The sale, display and wearing of Ku Klux Klan (KKK)



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# Society News

memorabilia, both historic and modern, is absolutely prohibited.

**3. EXTREMIST POLITICAL GROUPS:** The emblems, uniforms and propaganda of modern extremist or “hate” groups on both the left and right are forbidden to be sold, displayed or worn at all OVMS shows. This includes, but is not limited to, groups such as the Aryan Nation, the Black Panther Party, neo-Nazis, the Antifa movement, the KKK, the Anarchist movement, white and black supremacists, and any other group the OVMS Board deems not in the interest of the society.

**4. REPRODUCTION NAZI AND CONFEDERATE FLAGS:** Any modern or reproduction Nazi or Confederate battle flags, or patches displaying the same may not be displayed or sold at OVMS shows.

Historic, original Confederate flags from the Civil War and their associated veteran organizations such as the United Confederate Veterans and the Sons and Daughters of the Confederacy may be sold and displayed without restriction.

In addition to these rules, the OVMS asks that those attending our shows use common sense and courtesy in their dress. The society supports historic reenactment, living history and military vehicle collector groups that often dress in historic uniforms. However, for the foreseeable future, we would strongly suggest that you not wear WWII German military uniforms. Also, please use discretion and do not wear modern clothing, such as caps and t-shirts, which display Nazi and WWII German military emblems.

While we understand that some of

these measures may not be popular, the OVMS feels that they are necessary under the current conditions, simply to protect the future of our shows. Your assistance and compliance with these rules will insure that we can remain at our current show facilities and hotels.

## June Roberts Centre Show Review

A new advertising effort had some very successful results at the OVMS show at the Roberts Centre in Wilmington this past June. A campaign utilizing Facebook netted the show a paid gate of 770 people. Past June shows had only achieved gates of about 150 to 200 paid guests. These numbers do not include OVMS members who enter the show for free. Many of these were families and younger collectors that had never attended a militaria show before. They had been collecting on-line or at flea markets and gun shows. Surprisingly, many were unaware of militaria specific collecting shows. All reported having a great time and that they planned on returning in November.

Dealers mostly reported better than average sales for June. In the past the June show has been, admittedly, the weakest of the OVMS' four shows. Some members commented on the lack of tables in the alcove area. What they did not realize was that we had added an extra row of tables in the main hall where most dealers want to be located. The alcove area is generally an unpopular selling venue. The club believes it is better to have all the dealers in the main hall. What we will do with the space in the alcove

remains to be seen.

Because of the success of the Facebook advertising, we will be employing it for the upcoming MAX Show and hoping for even better results.

## Winner of the June Complementary Hotel Room Drawing

The June show drawing for a free room at our host hotel was won by long time member Pat Shelby. Pat won on the third round as the first two names drawn had either left the show early or were packing. Pat was still set-up and ready to do business, as required by the drawing rules. He chose a room for the MAX Show at the Doubletree. He and a guest will share a first class room on the OVMS, a prize worth over \$500. It pays to stay at our shows to the very end!

We will hold our second 2017 room drawing at the November Wilmington Show.

## Our Future Shows . . .

### MAX Show Preview October 5-8, 2017

As of press time, there may be a very few tables still available, but do not delay. If you wish to get in line for these table(s), complete, sign, and return the table application form (page 5). Do not send payment. We will let you know what you owe if we can find you tables.

### Roberts Centre Show November 3-4, 2017

As of press time, there are still tables available. If you wish to re-



serve table(s), complete, sign, and return the table application form (page 10) with payment.

## **2018 Show of Sows February 22-25, 2018**

If you wish to be placed on the waiting list for tables at the 2018 Show of Shows, complete, sign and return the form (page 11). **Do not send payment with application.** If tables become available and you're next on the list, you'll be contacted for payment.

## **Complementary MAX or SOS Hotel Room**

Again we will have a drawing at our November 3-4, 2017 Roberts Centre show for a complementary room at the *Doubletree* at the 2017 MAX or the *Crowne Plaza* at the 2018 Show of Shows. Dealers that remain setup and open for business at 3 p.m. on Saturday are eligible. The complimentary room is an encouragement for dealers to stay until the show closes.

## **Membership Notes**

As of press time, the Society has 3657 current members with paid dues of 2017 or beyond. This includes 629 life members and 576 members from outside USA.

## **SOS Lost and Found**

The following items were turned-in at the 2017 Show of Shows:

- Third Reich sword
- Swiss kepi
- WWI US Leggings
- Several reading glasses
- One pair sun glasses
- Magnifying glass
- Pair of rubber boots

If you lost any of these items, call the office and identify. Arrangements will be made for return.

## **An Important Reminder**

### **All Table Holders/Dealers:**

- Must be OVMS member, current paid dues, in good standing.
- Spouse, life partner, significant other, minor children (under 18-years old) of table holder/dealer do not have to be an OVMS member, but must be listed on table form.
- All badges must bear actual name of holder.

### **All Helper(s):**

- Must be OVMS member, current paid dues, in good standing.
- Spouse, life partner, significant other, minor children (under 18-years old) of table helper do not have to be an OVMS member, but must be listed on table form. This does NOT include parents, neighbors, friends, business associates, employees, customers, siblings, etc. These must have a current OVMS membership to be a table helper
- No helper badges will be issued at show.
- All badges must bear actual name of holder.

## **Remember to bring and wear your OVMS membership badge at all society shows**

Your OVMS membership badge is your key to all the society's shows. When you remember to wear your badge, you make your free entry into the shows effortless. However, when you forget your badge, your valuable shopping time is reduced, your make the girls at the registration desk work harder and

you hold up all the collectors behind you in line. None of this will make you popular and people will point at you and cry "SHAME!" Do everyone, especially yourself, a big favor and remember your badge.

While you're at it, make sure your dues are paid up-to-date. This will also save you time at the show.

## **OVMS Badges Now Being Mailed**

We are now mailing your membership badge to all US members. If you have not received your's, it is on the way and will arrive before the MAX Show. Overseas members and US members for which we do not have a current address will still need to pick up their badges at the next show they attend.

## **New OVMS Mailing Address**

The OVMS office moved last June. Please make a note of our new mailing address:

## **Ohio Valley Military Society**

**PO Box 98**

**Batavia, OH 45103-0098**

Our phone numbers and email address remain the same as before.

## **Renew your membership today!**

**Renew now and your membership  
will be good through 2018**

**To print a renewal form, go to  
our website at:**

**[WWW.SOSOVMS.COM](http://WWW.SOSOVMS.COM)**



# MAX 2017 TABLE RESERVATION FORM

MONROEVILLE CONVENTION CENTER, MONROEVILLE, PA, USA  
OCTOBER 4-8, 2017

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## PLEASE READ AND FILL OUT THIS FORM COMPLETELY

### PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

OVMS Member #: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Country (If other than USA) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Main Area of Merchandise \_\_\_\_\_

Received \$ \_\_\_\_\_ For \_\_\_\_\_ Table(s). Location Preference\* \_\_\_\_\_

**Hall A or B:** \$95 per aisle table, \$110 per wall table.

**Hall C:** \$50 per aisle table, \$75 per wall table.

By accepting table space, I agree to the following: Supervise my table(s) in accordance with the rules of The Ohio Valley Military Society, Inc., and The Monroeville Convention Center (to be mailed with table confirmation), follow all Federal, State, and Local laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to firearm transactions, and to be setup and doing business until 4 pm Saturday. I understand that if I violate any rules, my privilege to display will be terminated. While my display is on the premises of the Show Hall, I accept risk of any loss, damage or accident, and hereby release The Ohio Valley Military Society, Inc., The Monroeville Convention Center, their officers, directors, and employees from all liability. The Ohio Valley Military Society, Inc. assumes no responsibility for any condition that prevents a table holder from attending the show. If you will be arriving late, call the office. Table(s) not occupied by 11 am Friday, revert back to the Society. If necessary to cancel your table(s) and any balance due is paid on time (July 5, 2017), you must notify the OVMS by telephone (number above) no later than **September 20, 2017**, to receive a refund. Cancellations received after this date, or no-shows, will not be refunded. Tables are not transferable.

**This form must be signed and dated before tables will be assigned.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### \*LOCATION PREFERENCE

We will try to accommodate all requests for location of table(s) in the show hall. Preference will be given to table holders having the same location and quantity of tables from the previous year. First time table assignment does not guarantee that location. Requests for same location but different quantity of tables, will result in location change. Tables are NOT transferable. **ACTUAL TABLE LOCATION WILL BE PRINTED ON YOUR DEALER PACKET AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP AT THE SHOW.**

### PROGRAM LISTING

All Table Holders will be listed in the program. If you **DO NOT** wish to be included, please check the box below.



**DO NOT INCLUDE MY INFORMATION IN THE PROGRAM.**

### HELPER BADGES

**ALL HELPERS OVER 18-YEARS OLD MUST BE AN OVMS MEMBER.** One (1) free helper badge for one table; two (2) free badges for two or more tables. Spouse and/or child (under 18-years old) of the dealer / helper do not count toward the total and are no charged **but still need a badge**. Additional helper badges can be ordered for **\$80** each. List name(s) and member number of your helper(s) below. Badges are nontransferable. **No helper badges are issued or sold at the show.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Mbr# \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Mbr# \_\_\_\_\_  
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### PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO: **O.V.M.S.**

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## June 2017 Roberts Centre Show









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**THE PEOPLE WHO REALLY RUN THE SHOW, OUR FRIENDLY REGISTRATION STAFF. PLEASE REMEMBER TO THANK THEM FOR THEIR HARD WORK.**



**THE WINNER OF OUR FREE HOST HOTEL ROOM AT THE MAX, PAT SHELBY, IS SHOWN WITH OVMS PRESIDENT BRIAN COATES.**

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**WAITING  
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**FEBRUARY 22-25, 2018**

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## PLEASE READ AND FILL OUT THIS FORM COMPLETELY YOU MUST BE AN OVMS MEMBER TO APPLY FOR TABLES

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

Member #: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Country (If other than USA) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Main Area of Merchandise \_\_\_\_\_

Received \$ \_\_\_\_\_ For \_\_\_\_\_ Table(s). Location Preference\* \_\_\_\_\_

**Table Rates:** \$95 per aisle table, \$110 per wall table.

Payment must accompany this reservation form for tables to be confirmed.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will need electricity for my table location. **\$125** per location.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will need a parking pass.

By accepting table space, I agree to the following: Supervise my table(s) in accordance with the rules of The Ohio Valley Military Society, Inc., and The Kentucky State Fair Board (to be mailed with table confirmation), follow all Federal, State, and Local laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to firearm transactions, and to be setup and doing business until 3 p.m. Saturday. I understand that if I violate any rules, my privilege to display will be terminated. While my display is on the premises of the Show Hall, I accept risk of any loss, damage or accident, and hereby release The Ohio Valley Military Society, Inc., The Kentucky State Fair Board, their officers, directors, and employees from all liability. The Ohio Valley Military Society, Inc. assumes no responsibility for any condition that prevents a table holder from attending the show. If you will be arriving late, call the office. Table(s) not occupied by 11:00 a.m. Friday, revert back to the Society. If necessary to cancel your table(s) and any balance due is paid on time (December 1, 2017), you must notify the OVMS by telephone (number above) no later than **February 9, 2018**, to receive a refund. Cancellations received after this date or no-shows will not be refunded. Tables are not transferable.

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