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## Bill Combs has retired!

William (Bill) Combs, Past President and Business Manager has retired from the front lines after 23 years of service to the club. Bill joined the club way back in 1971 as a teenager. Bill is an active collector of Spanish Colonial 1851-1898 relics and a valuable resource for military collectors. Bill served as the club president from 2004 until he was voted in as business manager in 2017.

Bill has been instrumental in many important events over the years including establishing the Wilmington shows, acquiring the Max show and negotiating an agreement with the Expo Center to save the SOS during political turmoil. Bill has always been a smiling face to all who come to the shows over the years and has made many lifelong friends in the hobby. Bill and Joyce can be found at their same location at the show.

Please stop by and thank Bill and Joyce for their many years of service to the club.

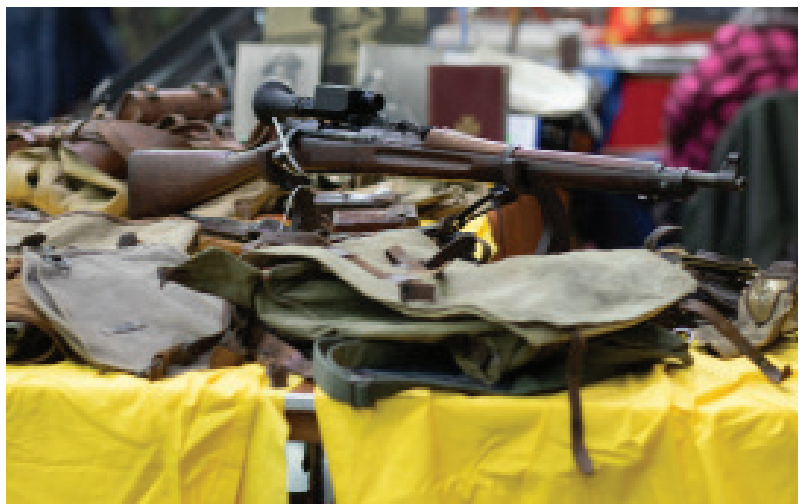
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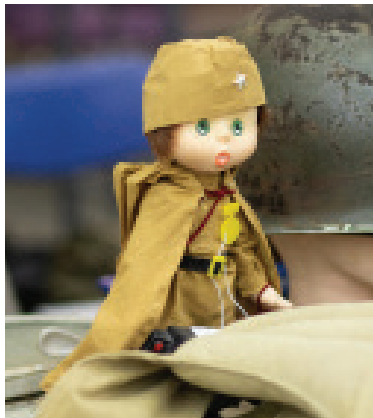
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2024 Show of Shows  
Photos by Alison Cotton

































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2024 Show of Shows  
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## Militaria Corner

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**HAIRCUT ON CAPE GLOUCESTER:** Haircutting behind the lines at Cape Gloucester isn't what it was back in New England this Marine barber and his customer will tell you. It's the second stand under fire for Corporal Italo DiCicco, of 18 Harvard Street, Uxbridge, Mass, the barber. His first was on Guadalcanal. Ubiquitous "Chico", as he's known in his outfit, uses a Jap flag as an apron. Customer is Private First Class Fernand A. Armstrong, 60 Clifford Street, Biddeford, Me. who has been experimenting with a handlebar mustache. **OFFICIAL U.S. MARINE CORPS PHOTO.**

