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Web Presence

Website: worldbayonets.com—The Collector's Edge (founded 2006)

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Affiliations

Society of American Bayonet Collectors (SABC)—2012–present; Board of Directors (Secretary) 2022–present; President's Award 2022

International Bayonet Association (IBA)—2014–present

K98k Bayonet Collectors' Network (BCN)—1998–present

Publications

The U.S. Government Contract M10 Scabbard, Journal of The Society of American Bayonet Collectors, Volume 127, Spring 2024.

Addendum to 1960s U.S. Scabbards Produced by Viz Manufacturing Co. and Wilson-Duggar Co., Journal of The Society of American Bayonet Collectors, Volume 125, Fall 2023.

The M4 Second Production Bayonet, Journal of The Society of American Bayonet Collectors, Volume 124, Summer 2023.

1960s U.S. Scabbards Produced by Viz Manufacturing Co. and Wilson-Duggar Co., Journal of The Society of American Bayonet Collectors, Volume 121, Fall 2022.

Two Early Socket Bayonets, Journal of The Society of American Bayonet Collectors, Volume 118, Winter 2021.

Clarifying the Nomenclature Associated with Early Czechoslovakian Mauser Bayonets, Journal of The Society of American Bayonet Collectors, Volume 114, Winter 2020.

Regulation U.S. Fencing Bayonets 1852–1915, Journal of The Society of American Bayonet Collectors, Volume 112, Summer 2020.

Unusual, Unfinished, And Undocumented U.S. Fencing Bayonet, Journal of The Society of American Bayonet Collectors, Volume 102, Winter 2017

Promise Meets Hard Luck: The KCB–70 Bayonet; the Eickhorn Brand's Evolution and Participation in U.S. Bayonet Trials; and the Elusive Pursuit of Commercial Success, Journal of The Society of American Bayonet Collectors, Volume 97, Fall 2016

M8A1 Scabbards Produced at the Pennsylvania Working Home for the Blind, Journal of the Society of American Bayonet Collectors, Volume 91, Spring 2015

The Alpha and the Omega—A Study of Two Japanese Type 99 Short Rifles: published January 20, 2012, Surplus Rifle Forum Wiki and Knowledge Base

On Point—The German SG. 84/98 III Bayonet for the Kar 98k Rifle: published October 18, 2006, surplusrifle.com

On Point—Bayonets for the Short, Magazine, Lee-Enfield Rifles: published August 7, 2006, surplusrifle.com

Made By Who? Bayonets From Unlikely Sources: published May 29, 2006, surplusrifle.com

Why Collect Bayonets? Part II: published April 24, 2006, surplusrifle.com

Why Collect Bayonets? Part I: Published March 23, 2006, surplusrifle.com

Current Working Papers

[The Role of Cost in Post-War U.S. Bayonet Design](#) (February 2023)

[George Rose & Co. and the ROSCO M4 Bayonet](#) (October 2022)

[Defense Acceptance Stamp Use on Bayonets and Scabbards](#) (July 2022)

[Post-War Trajectory of Beckwith Manufacturing Co.](#) (July 2022)

[Turner Manufacturing Co. M4 Bayonet Production](#) (June 2022)

[Columbus Milpar and Manufacturing Co.](#) (March 2022, updated July 2022 & November 2023)

Cobb Collection Bayonets Featured in Other Published Works

Junior Enfield Socket Bayonet—Walton, Steven A., *The Junior Enfield, Scott-Tucker's Bayonet, and the Arrival of Breechloaders*, *Journal of The Society of American Bayonet Collectors*, Volume 121, Fall 2022, 14–19.

American Charleville-Style Socket Bayonet—Serbaroli Jr., Joseph, *American Charlevilles: A Response to Ralph Cobb's Journal Submission*, *Journal of The Society of American Bayonet Collectors*, Volume 119, Spring 2022, 7–8.

*Indian No. I Mk. I**, No. I Mk. III*, and Pakistani No. 9 Mk. I Bayonets*—Rose, Michael (2021), *17 Inches of Imperial Steel in the Service of the Raj: Sword Bayonet Pattern 1907 in Indian Service*, Privately Published, South Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, 132, 150, 198–99, 218, 220.

British India Pattern Brown Bess Socket Bayonet—Gaede, Fred, *Captain Huger's Recommendations, 1848*, *Journal of The Society of American Bayonet Collectors*, Volume 103, Spring 2018, 18–19.

Yugoslavian M1924, M1924B, and M1948 Bayonets—Bogdanovic, Branko. (2016), *The Serbian, Montenegrin and Yugoslavian Bayonets and Fighting Knives*, Respected Press, Moscow, Russia, 225, 234, and 241.

Norwegian M/1956 SLK Bayonet and Caliber .30 U.S. M1 Carbine—Evans R.D.C., Bayonet Fact File No. 50: The Norwegian Model 1894 Short Knife Bayonet Modified c.1956 to fit the U.S. M1 Carbine, *The Armourer*, September/October 2012, Issue 113, 2–3.

Saudi Arabian KCB-77 M6 Bayonet—Maddox, J. A. (2005), *Collecting Bayonets*. Privately Published, Savannah, Georgia, USA, 315.

British Brass-Throated No. 4 Bayonet Scabbard—Priest, Graham. (2003), *The Spirit of the Pike: British Socket Bayonets of the Twentieth Century*. Uppem Publications, Wilshire, England, 352.

Turkish M1874 Sword Bayonet—Ottobre, Dennis D. (2002), *Observations on Turkish Bayonets*. Privately Published, Newcommerstown, Ohio, USA., Reference # 6-25.5.

Research Services Provided

State Historical Society of North Dakota, Bismarck, ND (2022)

Royal Historical Society of Victoria, Melbourne, Australia (2019)

California Highway Patrol Museum, West Sacramento, CA (2019)

Consultant—*Bayonets of The Polish Army 1918-1939* by Janusz Jarosławski (2018)

Williamston Depot Museum, Williamston, MI (2018)

Delaware Military Museum, Wilmington, DE (2018)

Consultant—*Bayonets: A Collector's Guide to Scandinavian Bayonets* by Janusz Jarosławski (2017)

Contributor—*The Armalite AR-10, World's Finest Battle Rifle* by Joseph Putnam Evans (2016)

Contributor—*U.S. Knife Bayonets & Scabbards* by Gary M. Cunningham (2015)

Memorial Hall Museum, Deerfield, MA (2015)

Wrexham County Borough Museum & Archives, County Buildings, Regent Street, Wrexham, UK (2014)

Elgin and District Historical Museum, Elgin, Manitoba, Canada (2014)

Commemorative Air Force, Houston Wing (formerly, West Houston Squadron) Museum, Houston, TX (2008, 2012, 2016, 2018, 2024)

First Division Museum at Cantigny, Wheaton, IL (2010)

Nevada County Narrow Gauge Railroad Museum, Nevada City, CA (2010)

Appearances

Bayonet Appraisal Segment—*Storage Wars*, Season 3 Episode 5, "A Civil Accordion," A&E Television Network, original air date June 19, 2012.