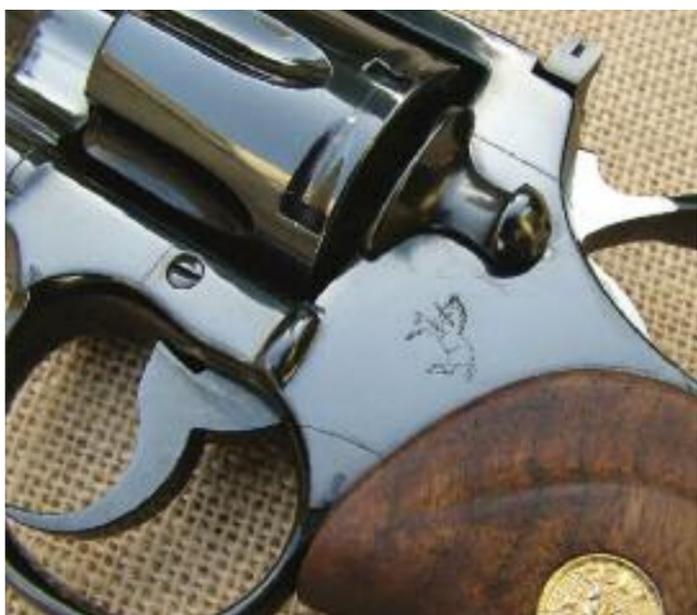


**Auction**



# Arms and militaria under the hammer

## Exhibition from Maltese Silver Collection

Arms collectors have an event to look forward to on Sunday as over 200 lots will go under the hammer from 9 a.m. onwards during the third Obelisk arms and militaria auction.

Military and sporting arms as well as militaria, dating back to the 19th century to recent times, have been consigned by both local and foreign sources.

Highlights of the auction include a very rare Walther PP pistol issued to German NSKK leaders, a WWI Navy Luger, a Swedish m/40 Walther pistol, an American M1903A3 Springfield rifle which is in immaculate condition and three American Colt Python revolvers, among others.

Stephen Petroni will be the guest consultant.

The auction will be held at the State Room of the Palace Hotel in Sliema (entrance through Capua Palace).

Viewing starts this Friday from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. and continues on Saturday between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. and on Sunday between 8 and 9 a.m.

This year the auction and viewing will also feature two attractions - an exhibition by the Maltese Silver Collection that will be held on the ground floor of the Capua Palace and a display of World War

II arms, militaria and vehicles by the Battlefront Living History Group and the Association of Maltese Arms Collectors and Shooters (AMACS) that will be set up in the yard behind Capua Palace in Sliema.

After eight months of intensive work, craftsman Victor Azzopardi completed yet another masterpiece.

This stunning piece of silver weighs over 12kg of solid silver

and measures approximately 3ft by 1.3ft. This sanctuary lamp will be on display at Palazzo Capua between Friday and Sunday.

The silver being showcased includes Maltese silver coffee pots, sugar bowls, trays, oil lamps, cutlery and odd pieces of fine jewellery.

The auction will be conducted by Pierre Grech Pillow of Obelisk Auctions.

[www.obeliskauctions.com](http://www.obeliskauctions.com)



The sanctuary lamp masterpiece crafted by Victor Azzopardi will feature during the exhibition of Maltese silver.



This image provided by Bonhams & Butterfield shows a dog bowl decorated by artist David Hockney for an upcoming auction. Photo: Bonhams & Butterfield/AP

# David Hockney goes pup art for pet charity sale

The Bradford-born artist who sold a painting called Beverly Hills Housewife for nearly £5 million last year has turned his brush to dog bowls for an upcoming auction.

Bonhams & Butterfields will auction bowls painted by Hock-

ney and five other artists on November 23 in Los Angeles and San Francisco. The auction house expects to get between £1,560 and £2,190 for each 11-inch, signed and dated bowl.

The other artists are Charles Arnoldi, Ross Bleckner, Robert

Longo, Edward Ruscha and Kenny Scharf.

Proceeds from the simultaneous auctions will go to PAWS/LA, a group which helps low-income OAPs and those with life-threatening illnesses keep and care for their pets. (AP)

**KNOW FASTER**

**TIMESOF MALTA.COM BREAKING NEWS**