



## THE ATLANTA WORLD WAR II ROUND TABLE

### PRESERVING HISTORY

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**Time:** Social Half-Hour: 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM > **MEETING START TIME 11:30 AM** - Speaker Immediately Following Lunch

**\*\* PETITE AU BERGE RESTAURANT**

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**Price: \$ 15.00 Per Plate \*\* NO RESERVATION REQUIRED \*\***

**Speaker: Bernie Dvorscak**

**Subject: “The Battle Of Midway”, The Historic Naval Battle That The Course Of The War In The Pacific In WW II.**

**Mission Statement**

**We, who by our own actions, and by our heritage, know that liberty has not, is not, nor ever will be free, do in association with our friends and comrades, who believe as we do, pledge that we will meet at the call of our Commander no less than ten times a year:**

- \* To hear of the war experiences of our members and invited guests**
- \* To encourage and demonstrate pride in our country and its armed forces**
- \* To pass on to posterity our knowledge of World War II, and of the price - human and material - that was paid by our nation for the preservation of liberty in the United States and the world**

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**Speaker for May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010–Bernie Dvorscak - (To Be Introduced By Deputy Commander Goulding )**

Bernie is a native of Hazleton, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Hazleton High School in June 1945 and enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1946 in the V-5 Flight Training Program. He received his Pilots Wings of Gold in January 1950.

An early assignment was to the VF-171 NAS in Jacksonville, FL where he flew the Banshee Fighter, cruising aboard the U.S.S. Midway, the U.S.S. Coral Sea, the U.S.S. FD Roosevelt and the Leyte Aircraft Carriers. He was released to Inactive Duty in August 1953.

Going back to school, he graduated from Georgia Tech in 1955 with a degree in Aero Engineering and joined Lockheed Aircraft Co. in Marietta as an Engineering Test Pilot flying and instructing in the C-130, C-141, C-5A and B, the Jetstar and Hummingbird Aircraft ( a jet-powered Vertical Riser ). He qualified in a total of 35 + different airplanes.

Bernie graduated from the U.S. Navy Test Pilot School, Class XXI in 1959 and flew into the Mach One era in the Douglas F4D-1 in December 1958 at Pax River. He retired from the U.S. Navy in July 1976 as a Captain, USNR and retired from Lockheed in 1990.

Dvorscak co-authored “ *The C-5 Galaxy History* “ with Roger Launius, published in 2001. He married Carolyn Davie in 1951 and has three children and five grandchildren.

Please welcome Captain Bernie Dvorscak as our May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010 speaker. (239<sup>th</sup> Meeting)

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**Review of April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Speaker –Dr. Robert Gibbs (Introduced by Deputy Commander Goulding)**

Dr. Robert Gibbs highlighted his duty and experiences in the U.S. Navy during WW II at our April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Robert was born and grew up in Atlanta, attending Boys High School where he was a Cadet Private. He met Brigadier General Harold Dye while attending Boys High School, at that time Harold Was a Cadet Colonel. Gibbs graduated from Georgia Tech in 1973 and was commissioned an Ensign in the U.S. Navy.

His initial service was on board the U.S.S. Barry (248) and he also spent some time on board the U.S.S. Nevada. His duty about the Barry brought him to the Panama Canal to be part of a Destroyer Barrier to prevent the Axis powers from attacking this vital facility. To the Navy’s surprise, no attack would occur. After transferring to the Submarine Service, he would serve the remainder of the war on Subs ( 03 & S11 ). After VJ day in August 1945 Gibbs was asked to do some special duty in Japan, dispositioning the existing fleet of Japanese Submarines. This duty took him to Kobe and other locations in Japan.

After graduating from the Medical School at Emory University, Robert entered **CONTINUED ON BACK** the practice of Internal Medicine in Decatur in 1953 which he maintained until his retirement in 1985. He continued to work in State operated clinics for another 15 years. Thank you Dr. Gibbs for your service in both the U.S. Navy and as a physician in Georgia.

**I am pleased to announce that we have Three (3) new members who have joined us since the April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meeting:**

**WW II Veteran – Arnold G. Whittaker** – Jim served with the 3<sup>rd</sup> U.S. Army – 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, 10<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment – Company K in the ETO. He was an Infantry replacement assigned to the 5<sup>th</sup> outside of Metz, France in 1944.

**U.S. Air Force Veteran – Dorothy C. Newman** – Dorothy served in the U.S. Air Force ( WAF ) doing two tours of duty in Germany. She also served as a Protocol Officer for the Second U.S. Army and at the Headquarters, Third U.S. Army, Intelligence ( G-2 Branch ) at Fort McPherson, GA. Dorothy retired from The Department of Defense as a U.S. Army Civilian.

**William Henry** – William is a Vice-President at Patterson & Dewars Engineers in Atlanta.

**Please welcome Arnold, Dorothy and William as new members of the Round Table at our May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meeting.**

>>> **Upcoming Speakers for - 2010 -** Program chairman John Davis and program co-chairman Bill Owens have done a splendid job in lining up a wonderful list of speakers for the Atlanta WW II Round Table for our January through June 2010 meetings. The following speakers will be making a presentation to the Round Table in: **2010 –; May – Bernie Dvorscak (Navy);** June – Colin S. Monteith ( U.S. Marines. ) More info to come on future speakers as they are booked. Please note that the speaker's engagements are subject to change. Thank you John M. Davis and William (Bill) Owens for your continuing efforts to seek-out and engage excellent speakers for our meetings and for a job exceedingly well done.

#### >>> **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

>>> ( **NEW** ) **MIGHTY EIGHTH AIR FORCE MUSEUM FUND-RAISER – May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 (Saturday) – Chastain Horse Park** – The Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum has been working with Hap Chandler, Marilyn Pahr and others on its first Fund-Raiser in Atlanta. The Museum would like you to attend and needs your help. The “*Boots, Blue Jeans and Bomber Jacket B-B-Q Fund-Raiser*” will be on May 22<sup>nd</sup> (Saturday), 2010 at the Chastain Horse Park, 4371 Powers Ferry Rd NW, Atlanta, GA 30327 from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM. Entertainment will be provided by *Pappaa Sol* and there will be a Silent Auction with over 150 items to bid on. Cost per person is \$100 and is Tax-Deductible. Hap and Marilyn are asking if you are unable to attend and would still like to make a cash contribution, make your check payable to **The Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum** and mail it to: P.O. Box 1992, Savannah, Georgia 31402. Each \$100 donated to the Mighty Eighth buys a ticket that will allow an Afghanistan/Iraq veteran to attend and have an enjoyable evening. Tickets can be purchased in advance of the event by calling Hap Chandler 404-275-2545

( or email Hap at [hapc@me.com](mailto:hapc@me.com) ) or by calling Marilyn Pahr at 404-888-0767 ( Marilyn's email is [mpahr@emory.edu](mailto:mpahr@emory.edu) ).

>>> ( **UPDATED** ) **VETERANS REMEMBRANCE DAY – May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 (Sunday) – Atlanta History Center**  
The Atlanta History Center will honor veterans of WW II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War and current conflicts on Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM. The Atlanta WW II Round Table was invited to participate this year and will reserve as many tables and chairs as necessary to set-up member's displays and memorabilia and equipment. **Set-up time for participants will be between 11:00 AM and Noon.** Authentic dress is encouraged. If you wish to participate this year, please contact Atlanta WW II Round Table member **BILL OWENS at 404-636-8939** or see him at the April or May meetings. Bill will coordinate everything with the History Center on the Round Table's behalf. If contacting Bill by phone, please provide your name and military service. There will be a boxed-lunch provided to participants. The History Center is expecting between 800-900 people to attend.

#### >> **SPECIAL MEMBER SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

>>> **COMMANDER'S REQUEST** – *Commander Thompson is requesting that all members should make our Chaplain and Asst. Chaplains aware of any member who is sick, stricken, or seriously ill. This can be done at the monthly meetings or by calling Chaplain Guyton McCall at 404-237-1011. Asst. Chaplain B.G. Harold A. Dye can be reached at 404-315-9253 and Asst. Chaplain William (Bill) Sperry at 404-770-452-1309*

>>> ( **UPDATED** ) **AWWIIRT Directory** – (From Marilyn Pahr) Marilyn will have copies of the pictorial membership Directory at the **MAY 20<sup>th</sup> meeting** for those dues-paying members who have not received theirs. Please see her at the meeting. The Directory Updates will be available at future meetings as well. To be included in the directory, please have your current photo taken at the meeting, provide a photo of yourself from your service days and fill out the biographical form. Contact Marilyn Pahr for more info: **New address:** 222 12<sup>th</sup> St. NE, Unit#2006, Atlanta, GA 30309 ; email: [mpahr@emory.edu](mailto:mpahr@emory.edu) – Tel: 404-888-0767

>>> ( **UPDATED** ) **AWWIIRT Lending Library** – We continue to add titles and now have a library numbering over 200 titles. A selection will be available at the monthly meetings for members to “check out” and read or view at their leisure. Contact Marilyn Pahr if you wish to donate books, videos or DVDs related to WWII. (see above for contact info)

#### Monthly Quotation:

*“Political language is designed to make lies sound truthful and murder respectable and to give the appearance of solidity to pure wind”*

From the essay “*Politics And The English Language*” , George Orwell 1946