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236th MEETING

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Date: February 20th, 2010 (SATURDAY) >> Next Meeting March 18th, 2010

Time: Social Hour: 11:00 AM - 12: 00 NOON > MEETING START
TIME 12:00 NOON - Speaker Immediately Following Dinner

** PETITE AU BERGE RESTAURANT

2935 N. Druid Hills Road, Web Site: www.petiteauberge.com
Atlanta, Georgia 30329 (Restaurant Phone: 404-634-6268)

Price: \$ 26.00 Per Plate ** RESERVATION REQUIRED **
(Meals Are complimentary For Members Who Are Current With Dues)

Speaker: Tom Beaty

Subject: “Witness To War”

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**

Speaker for February 20th, 2010–Tom Beaty - (To Be Introduced By Deputy Commander Goulding)

Many of the Round Table members know Tom, Beaty, he has been a member of our organization since May 2001. He made his passion about documenting the oral histories of veterans know to us early on. This will be Tom Beaty’s first presentation to the Round Table about this passion and the living legacy which has sprung from it.

Tom is the Founder, and Managing Director of the non-profit Witness To War Foundation which is dedicated to preserving the oral histories of combat veterans. In that role, he has interviewed over 200 combat veterans, primarily from WW II. Many of Tom’s early interviewees were members of the Atlanta WW II Round Table. Tom created the witness-to-war.org Web Site to feature these oral histories, which now encompasses oral histories of veterans from all the major U.S. wars and conflicts.

The Witness To War Foundation was featured recently in Inc. Magazine, on the CBS Evening News with Katie Couric, in the AJC and on ABC Radio. Their mission is to Preserve, Honor and Educate.

The Witness to War project is not about the set piece movements of armies, the military strategies of generals, nor the geo political nuances that led to war. Instead, it is about the ‘foxhole’ view of combat as seen by the soldiers who experienced it. It is about the fear, the emotions, the training, and the previously untapped wells of personal strength that enabled ordinary individuals to survive, and in some cases thrive, under extraordinary pressures and almost unimaginable danger.

All of the content collected by the Witness to War Foundation will be donated to the Library of Congress Veterans History Project and other non-profit organizations with a similar preservation focus. Veterans and their families are provided free copies of the full length interviews.

Tom is also the founder and CEO of Insight Sourcing Group (www.insightsourcing.com), an Atlanta based management and consulting firm. Insight Sourcing Group was named an Inc. 500 Company (227th fastest growing company in the U.S. by Inc. Magazine. He was also recognized in 2007 as one of the top ‘40 Under 40’ executives in Atlanta. Tom is married, he and his wife Suzanne live in Norcross and have three children.

Please welcome Tom Beaty as our February 20th, 2010 speaker. (236th Meeting)

Review of January 21st, 2010 Speaker –Col. Frank A. Gleason (Ret.) (Introduced by Deputy Commander Goulding)

Our January 2010 speaker, Col. Frank Gleason first spoke to the Round Table in November 1996. Frank served with the OSS in the CBI Theater and at that time and involved with guerilla warfare and industrial sabotage. Frank also served with the U.S. Navy in China with the Sino American Cooperative Organization (SACO), which was an agreement signed by the Republic of China and the United States of America in 1942 during the Second World War. It established a mutual intelligence gathering entity in China between the respective nations against Japan. It also served as joint training program between the two nations.

Frank has done extensive research on the topic of the capture of the German Submarine U505. He first reminded us how

lethal the German Submarine Fleet was, having sunk over 9200 vessels and over 30 million tons CONTINUED ON BACK of cargo and killing thousands of crew members aboard these ships.

Col Gleason noted that the capture of the U505 was a magnificent accomplishment by the U.S. Navy, and that not only was the U505 the first enemy ship captured by the U.S. Navy since the War of 1812 but the capture necessarily had to be kept secret at all costs. The U505 was equipped with two (2) secret German Naval *Enigma* Coding Machines which were captured intact. The Allies would gain tremendous knowledge of the German Naval Submarine 'Positioning' Codes by capturing these coding machines resulting in the destruction of over 300 German Submarines in the months to follow. The U.S. and British code-breakers did their jobs well due to the capture of the U505.

Thank you Col. Gleason for your service in the OSS and for bringing the story of the U505 to the Round Table.

I am pleased to announce that we have four (4) new members who have joined us since the January 21st, 2010 meeting:

WW II Veteran - Ben C. Robertson – Ben served in the U.S. Air Force, Air Transport Command in the Pacific, serving 19 months on New Guinea, Biak and Okinawa, with some duty in Atsuci, Japan. He was a Staff Sergeant and Propeller Specialist.

WW II Veteran - Colin S. Monteith - Colin served in the 2nd Marine Division in the central Pacific in Intelligence. He joined the 2nd Marine Div. on Saipan in 1944, served on Okinawa (twice) and took part in the occupation of Japan 1945-1946.

Veteran - Lawrence Franklin Gause – Larry served in the U.S. Navy as a Naval Officer during Operation Desert Shield, Desert Storm, and Operation Restore Hope. He was an Admirals Aide, XO-Crew Delta deployed off the coast of Bahraid.

New Member - LaFern Bower – is interested in all aspects of World War II.

Please welcome Ben, Colin, Lawrence and LaFern as new members of the Round Table at our February 20th, 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 September 2009 through June 2010 meetings. The following speakers will be making a presentation to the Round Table in: **2010** –; **February – Tom Beaty (Update on Witness-To-War Web Site)**; **March – Col. Ben S. Malcomb**; **April – Dr. Robert I. Gibbs**. 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 a job exceedingly well done.

>>> **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

(FINAL UPDATE) February 20th, 2010 (Saturday) – February Banquet – Petite Au Berge Restaurant – Atlanta, GA.

This year's February Banquet will be on Saturday, February 20th, 2010. **All dues paying members (current with dues) will receive complimentary meals. Guests will have to pay a modest \$ 26.00 per meal** - with meal choices including beef, fish and chicken. The speaker for February 2010 will be Tom Beaty (see info in Introductory Section .) An early reservation form was included with your December 2009 Newsletter along with a return-address envelope to Finance Officer Jay Lenny. Please use that pre-addressed envelope to send your reservation form to Jay with any appropriate payment for guest(s). **Reservations must be received by Jay no later then February 16-17 so we can give the Petite an accurate count of attendance and meals.** If you require an additional reservation form, please contact Adjutant John Kovach or Jay Lenny. Adjutant Kovach can be reached at 770-928-4579 or via email jkovach2000@yahoo.com; Finance Officer Lenny can be reached at 770-638-7824 or via email jmlrct107@aol.com.

Please note!! You must cancel your reservations within seventy-two (72) hours in order to have your check refunded should you be unable to attend once your reservation has been mailed.

>> **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) VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ATLANTA WW II ROUND TABLE** – Commander Thompson, Deputy Commander Goulding and the officers and staff of the Round Table would like to extend a hardy well done and thank you for all the voluntary contributions made towards the purchase of electronic audio / visual equipment for the organization. To date our Finance Officer, Jay Lenny reports that as if January 08th 2010 we have received over **\$ 1195.00** in contributions.

>>> **(UPDATED) AWWIIRT Directory** – (From Marilyn Pahr) Marilyn will have copies of the pictorial membership Directory for those dues-paying members who have not received theirs at the February Banquet on Feb. 20th. 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 12th St. NE, Unit#2006, Atlanta, GA 30309 ; email: 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:

"Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it everywhere, diagnosing it incorrectly and applying the wrong remedies."

Groucho Marx