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237th MEETING

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Date: March 18th, 2010 (THURSDAY) >> Next Meeting April 15th, 2010

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

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

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

Speaker: Ben S. Malcom, Col. USA (Ret)

Subject: “White Tigers – My Secret War In North Korea”

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 March 18th, 2010–Ben S. Malcom, Col. USA (Ret) - (To Be Introduced By Deputy Commander Goulding)

Many of you will remember Col. Ben Malcom speaking to the Round Table in May 1997, his topic then was ‘*Guerrilla Warfare Behind the Lines in North Korea.*’ He was scheduled again to speak to us in May 2009, but had to reschedule the talk due to knee surgery.

Colonel Malcom is known throughout the Armed Forces as laying the foundation for today’s Special Forces Operations. Malcom lead numerous covert and combat operations deep inside North Korea. He will highlight some of these operations (TOP SECRET until being down-graded to unclassified in 1990) that the U.S. Special Forces and the CIA planned, controlled and completed by leading and providing the provisions to over 22,000 North Korean guerrillas operating behind the lines in North Korea and will detail his experiences as an intelligence officer assigned to the United Nations Partisan Infantry Korea (UNPIK) Group. The overall mission objective of the UNPIK was the establishment of bases on offshore islands where partisans could be trained in intelligence gathering, communications, demolitions, and basic infantry tactics. From these islands, using fishing junks as disguise, partisans infiltrated inland on both intelligence and combat missions. The fishing junks were modified with powerful engines, machine guns, and communications gear.

On October 21st, 2005 the History Channel released a one-hour documentary film on Col. Malcom’s book “*White Tigers- My Secret War in North Korea*”. The documentary is part of a new series called ‘*Heroes Under Fire*’ and is a true story about Special Forces and CIA operations during the Korean War.

Ben has held various positions during his 29 years of service in the U.S. Army, leading soldiers from platoon to brigade level. He commanded a battalion in the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C. and also served as G-3, Plans and Operations Officer with the 82nd Airborne Division. He also commanded a brigade in the 2nd Infantry Division, Korea. He worked as a staff officer in the Pentagon for 6 years. His final position on active duty was as a Garrison Commander of three U.S. Army installations: Fort McPherson, GA., Fort Gillem, GA and Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico. He is a combat veteran of Korea and Vietnam.

A native of Monroe, Georgia, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry in 1950 upon graduation from North Georgia College where he earned a Bachelors Degree in Education. He also holds a Masters degree in Political Science from Auburn University.

Some of Colonel Malcom’s awards and decorations include the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Combat Infantryman’s Badge, Aviation Badge, Airborne Badge, and 4 awards of the Legion of Merit. Ben lives in Fayetteville, GA with his wife, Joyce.

Please welcome Ben S. Malcom, Col. USA (Ret) as our March 18th, 2010 speaker. (237th Meeting)

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Review of February 20th, 2010 Speaker – Tom Beaty (Introduced by Deputy Commander Goulding)

Those members and guests that were able to attend the 2010 February Banquet were treated to an outstanding and well run event. Our speaker, Tom Beaty, did a masterful presentation on the origins and on-going mission of the Witness to War Foundation and its web site, www.witness-to-war.org. Tom was able to bring his Administrative Assistant, Emily Carley, to the Banquet to assist with his presentation. Tom also acknowledged his wife Suzanne for helping with his projects as a supporting spouse.

Tom is the Founder, and Managing Director of this non-profit Foundation, which is dedicated to preserving the oral histories of combat veterans. To date, Tom, his assistant Emily Carley and the Witness To War staff have interviewed over 200 combat veterans, primarily from WW II. Many of the Round Table members were the source of Tom's early interviews.

The videos of particular combat vets that Tom shared with us were of Round Table member Fred King (deceased), Round Table member Herb Braselton (deceased), Frank Pomeroy, Stuart Jamison and Jack Brantley. Each one of the videos portrayed poignant details of a typical combat soldier's individual (and collective) experiences, and the fears and anxieties they faced each day as well as the bravery and unbelievable courage (and sometimes humor) they were able to muster in themselves.

Tom and the Witness To War Foundation's continuing mission is to Preserve, Honor and Educate. This mission will continue as the Foundation adds staff to interview and video combat veterans from recent and current conflicts, primarily in the United States but in other countries as well.

Thank you Tom for your service in preserving the oral histories of our combat veterans and for a job well done.

I am pleased to announce that we have three (3) new members who have joined us since the February 20th, 2010 meeting:

WW II Veteran – Robert M. Tollman – Robert served in the U.S. Marine Corps, 1st Marine Air Wing, MAG 14 in the South Pacific. He had two tours to the South Pacific, one to Guadalcanal and the second to Bougainville then to China.

WW II Veteran – William (Bill) C. Watson, Jr. - Bill served with the 498-A 100th Division in the ETO as a Infantry Motorman. He was captured by the Germans and liberated by the Russians. Bill is retired from the CDC, Cancer Center.

New Member – Harold (Hal) T. Daniel, Jr. – Harold is a partner in the Litigation section of the Holland and Knight Law Firm here in Atlanta. He has more then 30 years of practice and deals with complex issues such as antitrust, securities and RICO.

Please welcome Robert, Bill and Hal as new members of the Round Table at our March 18th, 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** –; **March – Col. Ben S. Malcom (Army)**; April – Dr. Robert I. Gibbs (Navy); 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 a job exceedingly well done.

>>> **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

>>> **HONOR AIR FLIGHT ATLANTA- April 14th (Wednesday), 2010** - The Roswell Rotary Club is planning another Honor Air Flight for April 14th, 2010. As of March 3rd, there was space for about seventy more WW-II Vets on the April 14th Honor Flight. THERE IS NO COST TO WW II VETS. However, if a care taker is needed to go along, the total cost for the extra person would be \$300.00. For information and a application to go on this Honor Air Flight, go to the Roswell Rotary web page. www.roswellrotary.com. In the middle of this page is a heading, Community Service. Click on this heading and a list will come up. On the lower part of Honor Air will be a title. Click to Honor Air and a page describing the flight will come up. On the right side, under Honor Air, move down to a title 2010 Veteran Application. Click this heading and the application will appear on two pages. For additional information about this Honor Air flight, call the Roswell Rotary at 678-318-1858.

>>> **WW II HERITAGE DAYS –April 24th & 25th (Saturday & Sunday), 2010** The Dixie Wing of the Commorative Air Force will host the 7th annual WWII Heritage Days on April 24th & 25th at Georgia's Falcon Field in Peachtree City. Highlights of the 2010 event include: Opening Ceremony honoring The Greatest Generation. Vintage aircraft, including a P-51 Mustang, SBD Dauntless, and Japanese Zero and Kate, Reenactors staging mock battles set in Europe and the Pacific, Military vehicles, canteen shows, and educational displays and demonstrations, and the "Keep 'em Flying" WWII-theme hangar dance, complete with 21-piece band, singers, and BBQ dinner. Get your tickets NOW before the dance is SOLD OUT!! For Additional information on this event, please visit their web site at: www.wwiidays.net or call them at 678-364-1110 or email Chris Madrid at cjmadrid@yahoo.com

>> **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 March 18th 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 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:

"The art of taxation consists in so plucking the goose as to obtain the largest amount of feathers with the least amount of hissing"

Jean-Baptiste Colbert

French Minister of Finance - 1665-1683 under the rule of King Louis XIV