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Date: NOVEMBER 18th, 2010 (THURSDAY) >> Next Meeting DEC. 16th

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: Harold (Dave) Andrews, Jr.

Subject: “Memoirs Of A Bomber Pilot”

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 NOVEMBER 18th, 2010 – Arnold G. Whittaker - (To Be Introduced By Deputy Commander Goulding)

Our November 18th, 2010 speaker, Harold (Dave) Andrews, is a native of Maine. He graduated from High School in 1940, working for Sikorski Aircraft prior to WW II. He attempted to get into the Navy, but his eyesight made him ineligible. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1942 and graduated from flying school in March 1943.

Training began in Montgomery, AL. then moved to Albany, GA for primary flight training. He completed his advance training in Columbus, MS. He was assigned to the 416th Bomb Group, flying A20 Havoc and A26 Invader Twin-Engine Light Bombers out of England and France in 1944-1945.

Many of you may recall that our 2009 February Banquet speaker, Dr. Larry Smith, wrote a book titled “*Darwin’s War: Science, Politics, Warfare, Faith and Sacrifice; The 416th Bomb Group’s Sacrifices To Defeat Eugenics*”, in which he interweaves the complex interactions of pre-war economic, scientific and political history with the daily lives of the men who courageously served in the 416th, among them Larry’s own father. Dave was a guest of Larry on that day.

Andrews would wind up flying and incredible 65 missions with the 416th. Please welcome Dave Andrews as our November 18th, 2010 speaker. (243rd Meeting)

Review of OCTOBER 21st, 2010 Speaker –Arnold Whittaker (Introduced by Deputy Commander Goulding)

Our September speaker, George Suhr, gave a wonderful and sometimes emotional presentation to us about the sinking of the *USS Leopoldville* on Christmas Eve 1944.

George was a Junior R.O.T.C. Cadet at Clemson in 1943 when he joined the Enlisted Reserve Corps (ERC). The ERC members were all called to active duty shortly thereafter and George went through basic training at Camp Croft and then to Officer Candidate School at Ft. Benning, GA. He graduated and was assigned to the 66th Infantry Division which was deployed to England, then Europe in December 1944. The 66th left England on the *Leopoldville*, an 11,500 ton Belgian passenger & cargo ship converted to a troop transport ship. The *Leopoldville* along with another troop transport ship, the *Fairfield*, set sail accompanied by 4 British Destroyers.

The initial torpedo attack by the German Submarine U-486 killed about 300 men. Although someone on the ship announced that the ship would not sink, the crew abandoned ship shortly thereafter. The HMS *Brilliant*, one of the accompanying Destroyers was able to maneuver close enough to the *Leopoldville* for some of the men to attempt to jump

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onto her deck. Many did not make it and fell between the ships. These men were crushed when the rough sea turbulence brought the ships together repeatedly. George was one of the lucky ones to jump just at the right time, a total of 783 troops were lost that night. Suhr was able to go on and fight in Europe until the end of the war.

Thank you George for your jumping skills, for your service during WW II, and for a job well done.

I am pleased to announce that we have three (3) new members who have joined us since the October 21st, 2010 meeting:
Veteran – William (Bill) G. Keoho – Bill served in the U.S. Army from 1953-1973, with the 101st Airborne Infantry Division as a Base Defense Effort (BDE) Intelligence Officer (S2) in Vietnam. Many of you know Bill and his wife Jackie, Bill is General Harold Dye's Son-in-Law.
Sally Lehr – Sally's father was a U.S. Army Physician on the Island of Tinian. Her family lived on Tinian shortly after WW II.
Earl L. Young – Earl is retired from Lockheed Martin and is interested in the U.S. Army Air Force.
Please welcome Bill, Sally and Earl as our newest members of the Round Table at our November 18th, 2010 meeting.

>>> **Upcoming Speakers for - 2010-2011** 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** –; **November – Harold D. Andrews, Jr. (Air Corps)**; December – Richard McMurry (Navy Historian); January 2011 – Douglas Huggins (Navy - Pearl Harbor Survivor); February Banquet – Jim Starnes (U.S.S. Missouri - Navy); March – Walter Victor (Army); May – Dr. Susan Young (Redstone Arsenal). 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.

>> **CALANDAR OF EVENTS**
>>> **(NEW) DECEMBER 7th, 2010 (Tuesday) 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM – MARINE MEDAL OF HONOR BOOK SIGNING** – The Retreat of Dunwoody, 1001 Summit Blvd., Atlanta, GA 30319 (formerly Perimeter Summit Blvd. – *The old Hewlett Packard Building*) -- Major General Livingston will speak about the battle of Dai Do in which 800 Marines defeated 10,000 North Vietnamese regulars. Major General Livingston was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions during the battle. His new book "*Noble Warriors*" will be available for purchase and signing. Lunch will be available at 12:00 noon for \$11.00 – Cafeteria style – your choice of items. For further information, please call Wayne Witter at 770-393-2118 or email him at captwow@bellsouth.net

>> **SPECIAL MEMBER SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS**
>>> **(NEW) REQUESTS BY INDIVIDUALS TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENTS AT ROUND TABLE MEETINGS** – In an effort to not interfere with our scheduled speaker's allotted time and also to allow more time during our lunch for table-conversation, the Atlanta WW II Round Table Executive Board has approved the following policy: **Requests by individuals to make announcements during the Atlanta WW II Round Table meetings must first be cleared through the Commander prior to the date of the meeting.** The number of announcements will be limited at each meeting and will also be based on priority of interest to the Round Table. Commander Thompson may be contacted at 770-952-4812 or via email at fandkt@yahoo.com
>>> **(NEW) NEW ATLANTA WW II ROUND TABLE ELECTED OFFICERS** – Please welcome Guy Condra as our new Deputy Finance Officer for 2010-2011. Guy will be relinquishing his position of Sergeant-at-Arms and will be assisting Finance Officer Jay Lenny at our meetings and functions. Attorney and Round Table member Lee Weinstein has agreed to step into the Sergeant-at-Arms position for 2010-2011.
>>> **COMANDER'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 Bill Sperry at 770-452-1309. Asst. Chaplain B.G. Harold A. Dye can be reached at 404-315-9253; Asst. Chaplain Guyton McCall at 404-237-1011 and Asst. Chaplain H.T. Maclin at 404-377-3178*

>>> **(NEW) AWWIIRT Directory**: It's picture time! We have so many new members and we'd like to get to know you. Please be sure to have picture taken at upcoming meetings. All members receive copies of the Membership Directory so if haven't received yours, see me at the meeting. Marilyn can be contacted at 404-888-0767 or via email: mpahr@emory.edu
>>> **(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:
No man's life, liberty or fortune is safe while our legislature is in session
Benjamin Franklin
(1706-1790) United States Founding Father