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Date: MAY 19th, 2011 (THURSDAY) >> Next Meeting JUNE 16th

Time: Social Half-Hour: 11:00 AM - 11:30 > MEETING START TIME 11:30 - 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: Dr. Virginia D. Young

**Subject: “Preserving History And Supporting The Future Of The”
Warfighter”**

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 MAY 19th, 2011–Dr. Virginia D. Young (To Be Introduced By Deputy Commander Goulding)

Realizing the importance of preserving the history of our Nation’s defense is invaluable, but awareness and understanding of the environment for our future warfighter is imperative to supporters of the men and women who serve in the defense of our Country.

As a civilian of the Army for the past 28 years, Dr. Young has been active in setting and meeting the vision and goals for the future soldier. She is the Director, U.S. Army Advanced Science and Technology Directorate, Aviation and Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama.

Dr. Young will provide insight into the rapid pace of technology that has enabled the Department of Defense to capitalize on advancements in communications, sensors, networking, weaponry and computer processing to provide new capabilities to the warfighter that offer amazing advantages in the fight, often unrealized to the public.

Her presentation will address some of the latest technological advances that have transitioned to the battlefield, in addition to some of the advances that are still being worked in the laboratories. Some future technologies Dr. Young will highlight include; the capability to provide a *Star Trek*-like “force-field” to our forces; the operation of Unmanned Aerial Systems in Afghanistan under full control from the United States; Micro-Air Vehicles that fit into a soldiers backpack-launched by hand-providing real-time video to a small handheld controller.

Although some of these concepts and programs may be futuristic (we can presently control Unmanned Drones from the U.S.), Dr. Young will share them with us and give us some insight into the engineering and technology that is currently being investigated that will allow our soldiers a unique and sophisticated advantage over any enemy.

Dr. Young has over 33 years of experience as a Engineer, including 6 years in industry and 27 years working as a civilian for the U.S. Army. She has a Bachelor of Science in Engineering from the University of Memphis, a Masters of Business Administration from Florida Technical Institute, a Masters of Science in Computer and Electrical Engineering from Vanderbilt University, and a Ph.D in Computer and Electrical Engineering from Vanderbilt University. She is also a graduate of the Defense Systems Management College, Ft. Belvoir, VA, Program Management Course and has taught courses and seminar classes at numerous Universities. Dr. Young also has numerous commendations and over 20 published works.

Please welcome Dr. Virginia Young as our MAY 19th, 2011 speaker. **(249th Meeting)**

Review of APRIL 21st, 2011 Speaker –Marvin Nash Worthy (Introduced by Deputy Commander Goulding)

Our April 21st speaker, Marvin Nash Worthy, illuminated Operation Keelhaul for the Round Table. The information and intelligence related to Operation Keelhaul was withheld from the public for many years, more or less swept-under-the-rug.

Operation Keelhaul was carried out in Northern Italy, Germany, Dachau, Austria, Canada and the U.S. by American and British forces to repatriate Soviet Armed Forces and POW’s of the Nazis to the Soviet Union between **CONTINUED ON BACK**

August 1946 and May 1947. No one truly knows how many Russians and Cossacks were forcibly repatriated, but it is estimated that millions of Russian men, women and children, most seeking sanctuary, were forced back against their will to face the wrath of Joseph Stalin's minions and faced the firing squads or were sentenced to hard labor in the Siberian death camps.

The operation is still considered classified as top-secret today, although several books have now been written on the topic including Julius Epstein's *The Story of Forced Repatriation*. At that time, the U.S. had signed international agreements opposing forced repatriation, but apparently fine print was inserted in these documents excepting from the ban all those who originated from nations given over to the Soviets at the close of WWII. The Allies even kept secret from the world the fact that Stalin was holding over 5,000 Allied soldiers as hostages in order to make sure that the West complied with his demands for repatriation. US and British troops had to beat, drug, and drive at gunpoint these millions of liberty loving people back to Russia. Even after doing so, Stalin never did return American and British prisoners. They died in the Soviet Gulags. The US still refuses to open the archives about their fate.

Both President Roosevelt and General Eisenhower, plus the State Department and the British Government were all involved in the final decisions to forcibly repatriate.

Thank you Marvin for bringing this story to the Round Table, for your service in WW II and for a job well done.

I am pleased to announce that we have one (1) new member who has joined us since the April 21st, 2011 meeting:

Joe Jordan – Joe is interested in Aviation and Naval tactics and the political aspects of WW II.

Please welcome Joe as our newest member of the Round Table at our May 19th, 2011 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: **May – Dr. Susan Young (Redstone Arsenal)**; June – Visvaldis (Vis) Kimenis (Special). 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 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) May 29th, 2011 (Sunday) 12PM – 5PM – Veterans Remembrance Day – at the Atlanta History Center. Many of the Round Table members have participated in this event over the years. Round Table members are again being asked to bring out their memorabilia and sign-up to exhibit. John Davis will have sign-up sheets at the April meeting. You can also call John at 770-493-4745 to sign up; John's email address is davis51450@bellsouth.net

>>> **SPECIAL MEMBER SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

>>> As many members of the Atlanta WW II Round Table are aware, our Special Events Chairman Carl Beck will be relinquishing his Chairmanship of this committee effective June 2011. Carl continues to work at Agnes Scott College and is in constant demand as a speaker and must step-down from this appointed position due to time constraints. As Special Events Chairman, Carl also coordinated our Education Outreach Program, visiting schools, youth activities and other events to continue Preserving History by educating the younger generation about the real live history of WW II. Our Education team also consisted of Bill Owens and Ann Villwock. Bill Owens is temporarily incapacitated and Ann cannot do the presentations on her own.

Commander Thompson and Deputy Commander Goulding salute Carl, Bill and Ann for the excellent service they have provided to the Round Table for these many years. If we are to continue with the tradition of providing WW II veterans in the Educational Outreach Program, the Round Table needs (consider this a plea for help) volunteers and especially a Chairperson to head this group up. If any members are able take on this challenge for the benefit of schoolchildren and young adults who are being taught very little and often nothing about WW II in our schools, please contact Commander Thompson at 770-952-4812 or email him at fandkt@yahoo.com; Deputy Commander Goulding can be reached at 770-436-4254 or via email at rgoulding@charter.net

>>> **REQUESTS BY INDIVIDUALS TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENTS AT ROUND TABLE MEETINGS** – In a 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

>>> **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 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

>>> **(UPDATED) AWWIIRT Directory**: Is your Membership Directory up-to-date? I still have two sets of update packets – one set includes the List of Commanders and Mack Abbott's profile; the other has the "Kilroy was Here" and Marilyn Pahr entry. Check to see if you have these in your copy, if not, please pick one up at the MAY meeting. Membership Directories will be available for paid members who have not received theirs. 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 Quotations:

"Political Correctness is a doctrine, fostered by a delusional, illogical minority, and rabidly promoted by an unscrupulous mainstream media, which holds forth the proposition that it is entirely possible to pick up a turd by the clean end."

Winning entry from an annual contest at Texas A&M University calling for the most appropriate definition of a contemporary term.