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Date: OCTOBER 18th, 2012 (THURSDAY) >> Next Meeting NOV. 15th

Time: Social 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: Dr. Guy A. LoFaro

Subject: “The Sword of St. Michael: the 82nd Airborne Division in World War 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

Speaker for October 18th, 2012– Guy LoFaro. (To Be Introduced By Dep. Cmdr. Weinstein)

Guy is a 23-year veteran Army combat veteran serving in a variety of command and staff positions, to include two tours of duty with the 82nd Airborne Division, a tour of duty with the 2nd Infantry Division in the Republic of Korea, four years as a Ranger Instructor and Company Commander at the Army’s elite Ranger school, and six years as an assistant Professor of history on the West Point faculty. It was from West Point that Lofaro graduated in 1981, going on to get his M.A. in history from the University of Michigan and his Ph.D in history from Stony Brook University in 2007

Guy brings a unique perspective to the Round Table as both a author and teacher. While at West Point he was the course director for the required two-semester course of Military History, the single largest course taught at the academy. He also taught courses on the history of revolutions and revolutionary warfare, conducted several academic seminars on various aspects of World War II and helped pioneer West Point’s *Battle of Normandy Staff Ride*, a week-long staff ride of the D-Day invasion conducted in Normandy, France.

For his efforts, Guy was awarded the *Excellence in Teaching Award* recognizing his academic acumen and was awarded the title of *Master Teacher*. In addition the Army also selected Guy to be a strategist, only 1 in 13, in which capacity he helped formulate post 9/11 plans for the largest Military mobilization since World War II. In this capacity he also helped author the plans for the protection of critical infrastructure throughout the U.S., the protection of Air Force bases world-wide, the augmentation of Border Security by the Army National Guard and the use of Army forces to augment security for ships at sea.

Guy’s book, *The Sword of St. Michael: the 82nd Airborne Division in World War II*, is the first comprehensive history of the 82nd, a Division that spent more time in combat than any other American airborne unit of World War II. His book has been called an encyclopedia of this amazing division. At 358,000 words he weaves a complex tale of the 82nd, and gives us a detailed inside look at all the engagements, large and small, of the “*devils in baggy pants*” and how the 82nd gained a reputation as the premier fighting unit of World War II.

LoFaro’s other contributions to historical writing include several entries to *History in Dispute, World War II, 1942-1945* (Cengage Gale, 2000); a chapter in *City Fights* (Random House, 2003); and articles and reviews to academic journals. He has also served as a contributor and consultant to popular history venues such as *The History Channel* and *PBS*. He is presently working on a biography of General James M. Gavin.

Please welcome Dr. Guy A. LoFaro as our distinguished October 18th speaker (262nd meeting)

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Review of SEPTEMBER 20th, 2012 Speaker- Theodore (Ted) Britton(Introduced by Deputy Commander Weinstein)

Ambassador Britton gave us a outstanding presentation at our September 20th meeting on his service in the U.S. Marine Corps beginning with basic training at Camp Montford Point in Jacksonville (Camp Lejeune), NC in January 1944. We were able to view a brief video about the forming of the *Montford Point Marines*, as well as some of their early history; The video included a highlight of Ted being honored at Turner Stadium in Atlanta after receiving the *Congressional Gold Medal* along with 450 other *Montford Point Marines*.

The video also highlighted that in 1942, President Roosevelt established a presidential directive giving African Americans an opportunity to be recruited into the Marine Corps. These African Americans, from all states, were not sent to the traditional boot camps of Parris Island, South Carolina and San Diego, California. Instead, African American Marines were segregated - experiencing basic training at Montford Point - a facility at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Approximately twenty thousand (20,000) African American Marines received basic training at Montford Point between 1942 and 1949.

During training at Montford Point, several of the exceptional recruits were singled out to help train their fellow Marines, many of them becoming the first black drill instructors including Mortimer Cox, Arnold Bostick, Arnold Davis, Edgar Huff and Gilbert 'Hashmark' Johnson. The training these Marines received was exemplary and served them well when they were deployed to the Pacific and would engage the Japanese in some of the toughest and bloodiest battles including Guadalcanal, Iwo Jima, Saipan and Eniwetok Atoll.

(In July of 1948 President Harry S. Truman issued Executive Order #9981 negating segregation. In September of 1949, Montford Marine Camp was deactivated - ending seven years of segregation. On April 19, 1974, Montford Point Camp was renamed Camp Johnson, in honor of the late Sergeant Major, Gilbert H. "Hashmark" Johnson. Johnson was one of the first African American's to join the Corps, a Distinguished Montford Point Drill Instructor and a Veteran of WWII and Korea. The Camp remains the only Marine Corps installation named in honor of an African American.)

After being discharged he graduated from New York University with a B.S. degree in Banking and Finance and from the American Savings and Loan Institute with a Graduate Diploma. As a specialist in finance and housing he became president of the American Baptist Management Corp. prior to entering Government Service, his first post being Deputy Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology. He was elected president of New York's United Mutual Life Insurance Co. after leaving his ambassadorial post and then returned to Government Service in 1981 to concentrate on international affairs.

During 1981-1989 he served as Co-Chair of the U.S. China Agreement on Housing and Planning and Executive Secretary to similar agreements with Mexico, Canada, Japan and the former Soviet Union (USSR). As a long-time Vice-Chair, he was elected Chairman/President of the Group on Urban Affairs in 1985 at the Paris-based Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), during which time he led a two-year OECD Mission to study and evaluate Japan urban policies and later he presided at the second meeting of the Urban Affairs Ministers of the 23 OECD countries.

In 2005 Theodore was appointed Honorary Consul-General of the Republic of Albania, in the State of Georgia. He became 'Ambassador for Peace' of the South Korean-based Universal Peace Federation and was a member of its Middle East Peace initiative to Israel and Palestine in 2007.

Ted recently completed his second of a lecture series on The Caribbean, at Emory University. He is a Life Member of both the 2nd Marine Division and Association for Intelligence Officers.

Thank you Ted for your service in the *Montford Marines*, for all your Government Service and for a job well done.



I am pleased to announce that we have four (4) new members who have joined us since the September 20th, 2012 meeting:

Veteran Linda Ebert Ariff – Linda served for 20 years as a civilian in the U.S. Army.

Veteran Henry (Hank) G. Frampton III – Hank served in the U.S. Army from 1971-1997, He served more recently in Desert Storm and Afghanistan as a Defense contractor from 2008-2011.

David W. Vaughan – David is still in the working world in Estate Sales and Appraisals. He is interested in the U.S. Navy and Naval pilots experiences.

Chris Madrid – Chris is a long-time friend of the Round Table and has served as the PR Officer for the Commemorative Air Force (CAF)– Dixie Wing based in Peachtree City.

Please welcome Linda, Hank, David and Chris as the newest members of the Round Table at the OCT.18th, 2012 meeting.



>>> **Upcoming Speakers for – 2012** Program chairman John Davis has done a splendid job in lining up a wonderful list of speakers for the Atlanta WW II Round Table for our January through June 2012 meetings. The following speakers will be making a presentation to the Round Table in 2012-2013: **Oct.** – **Guy LoFaro (Author of *The Sword of St. Michael, The 82nd Airborne Division in World War II*)**; **Nov.** – **Kendrick Kirk – (Author of *Messages in Handlebars – The Youngest Resistance Fighter*)**; **Dec.** – **No-Commitment.** Please note that all speakers' engagements are subject to change.

It should be noted that John Davis stepped down from the appointed position of Program Chairman effective with our June 2012 meeting and will continue serving as *Aide-to-the-Commander*. Member **Larry Robert** has accepted the continuing challenges of the Program Committee Chairman and has recently appointed **Penn Templeman** as his assistant Program Chairman. If you are interested in serving on the Program Committee please contact Larry at 404-964-9340 or via email at larry.robert@vitas.com



>>> **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 Goulding can be contacted at **770-436-4254** or via email at rgoulding@charter.net



Monthly Quotation:

“ A teacher affects eternity; they can never tell where their influence stops. ”

