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**Date:** SEPTEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012 (THURSDAY) >> Next Meeting OCT. 18<sup>th</sup>

**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](http://www.petiteauberge.com)  
Atlanta, Georgia 30329 (Restaurant Phone: 404-634-6268)

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

**Speaker:** The Honorable Ambassador Theodore R. Britton, Jr.

**Subject:** “ Montford Point Marines/Ambassador Extraordinary”

### 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

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**Speaker for SEPTEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012– Theodore R. Britton, Jr. (To Be Introduced By Dep. Cmdr. Weinstein )**

Ted Britton twice served in the U.S. Marine Corps beginning with basic training at Camp Montford Point in Jacksonville (Camp Lejeune), NC in January 1944. He is a Life Member of both the 2nd Marine Division and Association for Intelligence Officers.

Our Round Table Marine Corps members may recall 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. Ted was discharged on in May 1951 at Camp Lejeune with the rank of Sergeant. 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. During November 2008 he

respond on behalf of veterans comprising the sixteen (16) nations which composed the combat forces during the Korean War.

Please welcome The Honorable Theodore (Ted) R. Britton, Jr. as our SEPT. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012 speaker ( 261<sup>st</sup> Meeting .)



**Review of JUNE 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012 Speaker Col. Glenn Frazier(Introduced by Deputy Commander Weinstein)**

If you were not able to attend the June 2012 meeting, you missed a very special one. Bataan Death March survivor Glenn Frazier spoke to a record number of attendees ( 150 ); the restaurant had to turn away several people due to the room capacity and it was mentioned that some of these came back later and stood outside the room just to hear Glenn's presentation.

Col. Frazier did a spectacular job telling the Round Table about Bataan and how he saw things through the eyes of a young teenage boy. Glenn was born and grew up amidst the cotton and corn fields of Lowndes County Alabama. He ran away from home to join the Army when he was 16 and soon found himself engulfed in the struggle along with Filipino soldiers to save Bataan from Japanese conquest.

Bataan, as you know, is a province of the Philippines and occupies the whole of the Bataan Peninsula on Luzon. The Americans had used Bataan, in part, as a supply depot, storing over 1 million gallons of gasoline on the Peninsula. The Japanese were more interested in the strategic importance of Luzon and in mid December 1941 attacked Luzon and started their advance towards Manila. General MacArthur defended the Peninsula with vigor but found himself unable to hold back the Japanese and withdrew his troops to the Bataan Peninsula, effectively enabling the Japanese Commander, Lieutenant General Homma Masaharu's 14th Army to blockade and isolate the American and Filipino forces.

MacArthur requested reinforcements and aide from Pearl Harbor and Australia, but none could be sent, and with more Japanese reinforcements coming in to strengthen Homma's forces, MacArthur was ordered to break out of Bataan and avoid capture at all costs by sailing for Australia, forcing the 78,000 defenders to surrender to the Japanese. The Japanese were unprepared for the number of prisoners they were responsible for and General Homma forced them to march 80 miles to the capitol of Bataan, Balanga; along the way the Japanese delighted in the physical abuse and murder of the soldiers, denying them food, rest or water.

Frazier found himself marching north in the *Bataan Death March* and then spent the next three years trying to survive in the hell of the Japanese POW camps. Col. Frazier's book, *Hell's Guest, 3-1/2 Years As the Emperor's Guest In The Japans POW Camps* gives great detail about his ordeal and the sacrifices he saw many of his friends make in serving their country.

Glenn was accompanied by his wife Elizabeth Terri Frazier and personally signed many of his books purchased at the meeting. Thank you for your service in WW II Glenn and for a job well done.



***I am pleased to announce that we have four (4) new members who have joined us since the June 2012 meeting:***

**WW II Veteran William (Bill) H. Fowler** – Bill served in the U.S. Army Air Force as a Flight Engineer on a B-24 Liberator.

**WW II Veteran J. Patrick Hooker** – Patrick served in a U.S. Army Signal Infantry Unit primarily in the Philippines and the Pacific theaters.

**Veteran Robert (Bob) Hendershott** – Bob served in the U.S. Army from 1951-1953 in Korea / 45<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (52-53)

**Howard L Marshall** – Howard is a retired Scientist. His father served in the Philippines in WW II and died there right after the Bataan Death March.

***Please welcome Bill, Patrick, Bob and Howard as the newest members of the Round Table at the SEPT. 20th, 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: **Sept. 2012 – Theodore R. Britton, Jr. (Montford Point Marines)**; Oct. – Guy LoFaro (Author of *The Sword of St. Michael, The 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division in World War II*); Nov. – Ken Kirk; Dec. – No-Commitment. Please note that the speaker's 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](mailto: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](mailto:rgoulding@charter.net)



Monthly Quotation:

*Marines I see as two breeds, Rottweilers or Dobermans, because Marines come in two varieties, big and mean, or skinny and mean. They're aggressive on the attack and tenacious on defense. They've got really short hair and they always go for the throat.*

Rear Admiral. "Jay" R. Stark, USN