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Date: DECEMBER 19th, 2013 (THURSDAY) >> Next Meeting JAN. 16th

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: Zellie Raniey Orr

Subject: “ Tuskegee Airmen – First ‘Top-Guns’ ”

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 DECEMBER 19th, 2013– Zellie Rainey Orr (To Be Introduced By Dep. Cdr. Marilyn Pahr)

Zellie Rainey Orr, a renowned researcher, historian, consultant, author and award-winning Poetess will be the featured speaker at the upcoming **DECEMBER 19th, 2013 (THURSDAY)** meeting / luncheon of the *Atlanta WW II Round Table*. Zellie has been referred to as a barrier-breaker; her many accomplishments include one of five black students to desegregate Indianola High School (Indianola, MS 1967), first black Personal Lines Underwriter, Kemper Ins. Co. (Los Angeles, CA 1977); first black female Personal Lines Underwriter, Commercial Union Ins. Co. (Atlanta, GA 1980), first female-elected President of the Atlanta Chapter Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. (2011).

Zellie's efforts on behalf of the *Tuskegee Airmen* lead to the dedication of Camp Creek Parkway, “*Tuskegee Airmen Parkway*.” The 12-mile State Highway (ending at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta Int'l Airport) is traveled by thousands daily; Reuniting of Black & White WWII Army Air Corps Vets 67 years later. She was consequently given *The National Museum of The Tuskegee Airmen* “*Distinguished Service Award*” and *The Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.* “*Presidential Award*”

Zellie is planning, if all goes well, on bringing a Tuskegee Airman with her to the meeting. Her presentation will include an audio/visual of the history of this phenomenal group of Airmen and an update on the various Tuskegee Museums and organizations including *The Major General Joseph A. McNeil Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen exhibit at the Museum of Aviation* in Warner Robins, GA and the *Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site & Moton Field* in Tuskegee, Alabama.

Please welcome Zellie Rainey Orr as our DECEMBER 19th, 2013 speaker (**274th Meeting.**)

Review Of NOVEMBER 21st 2013 Speaker John W. (Jack) Hancock (Introduced by Bob Elkins)

Our NOVEMBER 21st speaker, John (Jack) Hancock, gave the Round Table a outstanding presentation of his service in the U.S. Navy. Born and raised in Coffee County in South Georgia on August 24th, 1924, he joined the U.S. Navy Aviation Cadet Program in Oct. 1941 and graduated Navy basic training in December 1941 in Norfolk, VA.

Hancock was immediately assigned to the *U.S.S. Yorktown CV5*, dry-docked in Newport News, VA. Because of the Declaration of War on Japan pronounced by President Roosevelt after the Dec. 7th Pearl Harbor attack, the *Yorktown* left immediately for the Pacific, fully-loaded and scraping the bottom of the dry-dock as it left. He saw action quickly in *the Battle of the Coral Sea* and *the Battle of Midway* (in which the *U.S.S. Yorktown CV5* was sunk and Hancock was wounded. After he recovered in a Navy Hospital at Pearl, Jack rejoined the fleet and saw more action against the Japanese during the *Saipan Great Marianas Turkey Shoot* and the invasions of Saipan, Tinian, Guam, Leyte, Mindoro, Luzon and Iwo Jima.

Needless to say, Hancock became a lean, mean fighting-machine; he continued fighting the Japs by participating in

Fighter cover-operations escorting B-29's that were making bomb runs on Japan; he also was **CONTINUED ON BACK** engaged in direct attacks on Japanese *Kamikazes* in defense of attacks on U.S. Navy ships and other targets.

Jack interweaved several verbal vignettes and anecdotes throughout his talk, including some South Georgia farm-chicken wisdom, reminiscences about his love of baseball, and his near witnessing of the Winecoff Hotel fire and tragedy in downtown Atlanta on December 7th, 1946 while he was in Atlanta for a job interview. Hancock recalled the Winecoff Hotel tragedy in which 119 people died, some jumping out of windows on the 15th floor, comparing it to some of the battles he participated in while in the Pacific.

Thank you Jack for being forever diligent, never giving up, and for a job well done.

I am pleased to announce that we have five (5) new members who have joined us since the November 21st meeting:

WW II Veteran Admiral William O. (Dusty) Miller– Dusty served in the U.S. Navy from 1942 to 1978. He is a retired Naval Officer and retired attorney. Dusty served for 35 years in the Navy and retired as a Judge Advocate General of the U.S. Navy.

WW II Veteran Jeff Settle Sr. – Jeff served in the U.S. Navy in the Atlantic and Pacific theaters. He served aboard the U.S.S. Ranger from 1941-1942 and the U.S.S. Yorktown in 1944. Jeff was engaged in the fighting in the Philippines 1944-1945.

Vietnam Veteran Brian W. West – Brian served in the USMC 1965-1970 as a Helicopter Pilot in Vietnam. He flew 800 missions, received 40 Air Medals and also received a Purple Heart.

USMC & US Army veteran Frazier Hollis – Frazier served in both the USMC and the U.S. Army – 66th Division, 262nd Regiment.

Katrina V. Mabon – Katrina is interested in all aspects of WW II.

Please welcome Admiral Dusty Miller, Jeff, Brian, Frazier and Katrina as our newest members at the DECEMBER 19th, 2013 meeting.

SPECIAL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/OF SPECIAL INTEREST& UPCOMING EVENTS

>>> **(NEW) DECEMBER 19th, 2013 (THURSDAY)** The Round Table will be collecting our annual holiday gift-tip-donation for the waiters and waitresses that serve us faithfully from September through June at the Petite. Sergeant-At-Arms Captain Bob Rivers will be passing-the-hat at the meeting to collect these tips so please be generous. It goes without saying that these men and women provide excellent service to the Round Table each month; this collection is only done at our December meeting.

>>> **(NEW) JANUARY 16th 2014 (THURSDAY)** – Effective at the January 16th, 2014 regularly scheduled meeting, the side-door entry to the Petite Au Berge Restaurant will be kept locked. Members, guests, and visitors must now use the front-door entrance. The front door to the Petite is handicap and wheelchair friendly and will save our members so steps.

>>> **(NEW) FEBRUARY 15th 2014 (SATURDAY)** – Planning is underway for the Atlanta WW II Round Table 2014 Annual Banquet. The Banquet will be on February 15th (SATURDAY); start time/Social Hour 11:00AM-12 NOON. As we have done for many years, members whose dues are current will be given their meals compliments of the Round Table. You will only need to pay \$ 28.00 for any guests, wives, significant others or friends you would like to bring. **A RESERVATION FORM and Return-Reply envelope have been included with your December Newsletter.**

The Petite is allowing us the use of the entire Restaurant on that day, there will be selection of warm and cold hors d'oeuvres prior to dinner; Jill Berry will sing for us and the Stu McGee Band will play WW II theme music during the Social Hour. All members with **Reservation Forms** sent-in will receive two (2) complimentary bar drinks (house wine, beer or soft drinks.) Please return your completed **Reservation Form** to Finance Officer Jay Lenny asap with your choice of meal(s) checked-off (Roast Chicken, Beef Burgundy or Fresh Salmon.)

>>> **(NEW) MAY 25th, 2014 (SUNDAY)** – Concourse Athletic Club – Memorial-Day Celebration **“MEET THE VETERANS - HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED -** On Sunday, 25 May 2014, from the hours of 1 to 5 PM, the members of the Atlanta World War II Round Table, in cooperation with various veterans groups and supporters of the military, plan to commemorate Memorial Day at the Concourse Athletic Club in Atlanta through exhibits, displays, and personal testimonies of living veterans of past wars and campaigns in order to Honor The Veterans (Fallen and Living) , educate the public, and celebrate the victories and accomplishments of those who have sacrificed for the freedom of our nation.

>>> **(UPDATED) UPCOMING SPEAKERS for - 2013** Program chairman Larry Robert has done a splendid job in lining up a wonderful list of speakers for the Atlanta WW II Round Table for our September through December 2013 meetings. The following speakers will be making a presentation to the Round Table in: **December – Zellie Rainey Orr – Historian / Tuskegee Airmen Organization-Atlanta.** January-June 2014: January-Garland Reynolds- Architect of the Camp Toccoa /Currahee Museum & Visitors Center. Please note that the speaker's engagements are subject to change. Thank you Larry Robert for you're continuing efforts to seek-out and engage excellent speakers for our meetings and for a job exceedingly well done.

>>> **(NEW) HEARING AIDS** Commander Weinstein has a limited number of special Hearing Enhancers that the Round Table is making available for members and guests. These Bell & Howell Hearing Enhancement devices have both a volume control and on-off switch and are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please note that these need to be returned to Commander Weinstein after each meeting.

>>> **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 Weinstein can be contacted at **404-843-0779** or via email at lmwlaw@aol.com

Monthly Quote:

“The Enemy is fear. We think it is hate, but, it is fear.” If you live without fear, anything is possible. If you expect nothing and fear nothing, you are free.”

