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266th MEETING

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Date: FEBRUARY 16th, 2013 (SATURDAY) >> Next Meeting MARCH 21st

Time: Social Hour: 11:00 AM - 12:00 NOON > **MEETING START TIME 12:00 NOON** - 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: \$ 28.00 Per Plate ** RESERVATION REQUIRED **
>Meals Are Complimentary For Members Who Are Current With Dues

Speaker: Frederick (Fred) O. Scheer

Subject: “A European Sojourn 1943-1945”

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 FEBRUARY 16th, 2013– Fred Scheer (To Be Introduced By Deputy Commander Weinstein)

Our February Banquet speaker was born in a small town in Georgia in 1924. He attended local schools including the University of Georgia, and as a 19 year old freshman there he joined the enlisted reserves of the U.S. Army right after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. The following year he was called to active duty and inducted at Fort McPherson.

After basic training at Fort Riley, Kansas and some additional training at Camp Butner, NC and Fort George Mead, Maryland he was shipped to England and Northern Ireland to wait and take part in the D-Day invasion of France, landing on Utah Beach on the west coast of France on July 10th, 1944.

Fred's path is distinctive because he was taken prisoner by the Germans shortly after landing on Utah Beach. After being trucked inland he was fox-holed for 17 days before moving out to engage the Germans. His Company Commander was killed in a barrage of German artillery and although not a popular individual, the young men of the 5th Division were introduced to the real war.

Frederick's squad was commandeered as part of an ammunition detail and during the loading and unloading came under fire from the Germans. Unprotected on both their flanks and surrounded by the Germans they were forced to surrender and were transported to Aldorf, Germany, Stalag IV-F, a major rail center in the Bavarian countryside about 60 kilometers from the Czech border.

The POW's made several attempts to escape; Fred tried three times and was successful on his third attempt as news that the end of the war was imminent.

Fred will fill in the details for us at the Banquet and perhaps give us a taste of what it was like as a recruit going through boot camp on the arid plains of Kansas at Fort Riley and suffering under the German's hard-labor tactics in Stalag IV-F.

Please welcome Fred Scheer as our FEBRUARY 16th, 2013 speaker (**266th Meeting**)

Review of JANUARY 17th, 2013 Speakers –Howard & Hilbert Margol (Introduced by Deputy Commander Weinstein)

WOW, what a treat the Round Table had at our January 17th meeting; identical twin brothers Howard & Hilbert (Hibby) Margol were our guest speakers. The Round Table has of course had double-speakers before including two **Medal Of Honor Recipients** (Col. James E. Swett –USMCR & Herschel Williams) who spoke to us in May 2008 about (“How I shot Down 7 Japanese Bombers in 15 Minutes”) and prior to that a triple-presentation team of Ed Knauth, Albert McMahan and Jason Sedam in Nov. 2005 who spoke to us about (“Experiences In The 8th Air Force in WW II-The War Over Europe 1942-1945”)

Howard & Hilbert's experiences in WW II were enhanced by their being given a *Special Presidential Consent* to serve together by President Roosevelt. Many of you will recall that the five (5) *Sullivan Brothers* perished as a result of the sinking of the U.S.S. *Juneau* in November 1942. After this incident, the military made it a policy to

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prohibit brothers from serving together in combat units. It was only after a adamant plea by Howard and Hilbert's mother directly to President Roosevelt that he consented to allow them to serve together in the 42nd Rainbow Division.

The Margols fought side-by-side in France and Germany with the 42nd Division in artillery units and both were present at the historical liberation of *Dachau Concentration Camp* on April 29th 1945. The liberation of *Dachau* was a major event signaling the end of the war in Europe and the brothers had a front-seat when General Dwight D. Eisenhower issued a communique over the capture of *Dachau* declaring "Our forces liberated and mopped-up the infamous concentration camp at *Dachau*. Approximately 32,000 prisoners were liberated, 300 SS camp guards were quickly neutralized."

Thank you Howard and Hibby for you're revealing presentation, for *Preserving History* and for a job well done.



I am pleased to announce that we have three (3) new members who have joined us since the January 17th meeting:

WW II VETERAN Dr. Michael Gold, M.D. – Michael served in the U.S. Army Air Corps, 8th Air Force, 447 BE, 708 BS in the ETO. He was a navigator on a B-17 and shot-down over Germany on January 30^h, 1944. He spent 16 months as a POW in a German prison in Stalag Luft I.

VETERAN- Sylvan L. Berlin – Sylvan served in the 113th Motor Vehicle Squadron in D.C. followed by 33 years in the 530th Air Force Band, Georgia National Guard. He was a Master Sergeant Logistics and Trombonist.

Andrew (Andy) R. Tymchuk- Andy is a Vice-President and Investment Officer/Financial Advisor at Wells Fargo. He is interested in the ETO. His grandfather's "Workers Camp" was liberated by U.S. forces; his mother's family hid a Jewish family during WW II. Both his mother's family and the Jewish family were able to come to the United States because of WW II.

Please welcome Michael, Sylvan and Andy as our newest members at the February 16th or March 21st, 2013 meetings.

>>> **NEW MEMBERS - Please note that we will NOT be introducing NEW MEMBERS at the February 2013 Banquet.** *New members who have joined the Round Table in January, February and prior to the March meeting will be introduced and inducted at the March 21st 2013 meeting.*



SPECIAL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

>>> **(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 January through June 2013 meetings. The following speakers will be making a presentation to the Round Table in: **February Banquet – Fred Scheer (5th U.S. Army)**; March- Col. Jay Masters – Air Force; April – Bruce Gamble – Author "*Lightning Strike: The Secret Mission To Kill Admiral Yamamoto And Avenge Pearl Harbor*"; May – Phil Nordyke – Author "*Put Us Down In Hell – Combat History of the 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment in WW II*"; June – To be announced. 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 Goulding 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 Goulding after each meeting.*

>>> **(UPDATED) UPCOMING EVENTS– FEBRUARY 2013 BANQUET**– A Reservation Form and Return-Address envelope were included with your December Newsletter for the *Atlanta WW II Round Table's February 16th, 2013 (Saturday) Banquet*. **All Dues-Paying Members (current with Dues) will receive complimentary meals; Guests will have to pay a modest \$ 28.00 per meal.** The selection of meals will be *the Petite's Beef Burgundy Roast, Hunter-Style Roasted Chicken and Fresh Salmon*. The Petite has again offered the entire restaurant to the Round Table based on last year's attendance and we will again have entertainment by *Jill Sherman* and *The Stu McGee Band*; a full compliment of hors d'oeuvres; open bar and festive decorations by Kay Secrist, not to mention a very special guest speaker. Please send your reservation form into our Finance Officer Jay Lenny as soon as possible. Contact Adjutant Kovach at 770-928-4579 or Finance Officer Lenny at 770-638-7824 if you did not receive a Reservation Form and would like to attend the Banquet. **Reservations will need to be booked no later than February 13th, 2013 (Wednesday)** to allow the Petite to do appropriate planning. Please note that **Cancellations of Reservations will be accepted up to 72 hours (Wednesday)** prior to the Banquet in order for a refund to be requested. **The Banquet will be the only scheduled meeting for the month of February.** Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, March 21st at 11:30 AM.



>>> **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 Quotations:

"Everything we want is on the other side of fear. We have to develop a healthy fear of doing what we don't want to do"
Dr. Farrah Gray

"To the man who only has a hammer, everything he encounters begins to look like a nail."
Abraham Maslow