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Date: JUNE 20th, 2013 (THURSDAY) >> Next Meeting SEPT. 19th

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: Deborah G. Lindsay

Subject: “The National World War II Museum”

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 JUNE 20th, 2013– Deborah G. Lindsay (To Be Introduced By Deputy Commander Weinstein)

The JUNE 20th, 2013 (THURSDAY) meeting of the *Atlanta WW II Round Table* will feature Deborah G. Lindsay as our speaker. Deborah is a graduate of Marietta High School, attended The University of Georgia, and Kennesaw State University where she received a B.S. in Integrative Studies with a emphasis on Military History.

Ms. Lindsay has traveled extensively in pursuit of widening her knowledge of World War II and Military History, including multiple visits to the Normandy Landing Beaches, Paris, Bastogne, the Ardennes Forest, Remagen, Berlin, Munich, the Berchtesgaden, Hitler’s Eagle’s Nest, Dresden, Yalta, the Kasserine Pass, Monte Cassino, Rome, Sicily, Anzio, Moscow, Pearl Harbor and many more locations. She is currently writing a book on the History of Concentration Camps.

Deborah serves several organizations on their board of Trustees and Directors including *The Museum of History and Holocaust Education at Kennesaw State University* and *The National World War II Museum in New Orleans*.

Deborah will be highlighting the World War II Museum in New Orleans in her presentation to the Round Table in June with a audio/visual presentation.

The New Orleans Museum has undergone major changes since *Hurricane Katrina* in 2005 including the name change from the *National D-Day Museum*. Other major changes include the expansion of the facility. Deborah will accentuate the *National WWII Museum’s* capital campaign, *The Road to Victory: A Vision for Future Generations*, which will tell the entire story of the American Experience in World War II. When completed in 2015, this \$300 million expansion project will quadruple the size of the original Museum, adding state-of-the-art programs and exhibit space, libraries and archives, and collections and conservation space. An endowment campaign will provide long-term funding for educational programs, research and collection of oral histories, and future exhibitions. Extensive information about the Museum is available on their Website at www.nationalww2museum.org.

Please welcome Deborah Lindsay as our June 20th, 2013 speaker (**270th Meeting.**)

Review of MAY 16th, 2013 Speaker –Phil Nordyke (Introduced by Deputy Commander Weinstein)

The Round Table was given a second treat on May 16th by having Phil Nordyke speak to us about Airborne units in World War II. Phil has written six books about the World War II 82nd Airborne Division including *All American All The Way-The Combat History of the 82nd Airborne Division in World War II*; *The All Americans in World War II*; *Four Stars of Valor*; *More Than Courage and An Irresistible Force*. His latest book is *Put Us Down In Hell – The Combat History of the 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment in World War II*, which was released in August 2012.

Phil focused his talk on the history of the 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment (PIR) **CONTINUED ON BACK**

which you recall was one of the elite Parachute Regiments of World War II. The Regiment's motto was 'Fury From the Sky'; they shared the nickname of the *Red Devils* with several other groups including the 5th Infantry Division (U.S.) and the 1st Parachute Brigade (U.K.), a British Airborne Brigade active during the war. Lt. Col. Roy Lindquist, who formed and activated the unit in August 1942 at Camp Blanding, FL. would remain in operational command of the 508th throughout the war and relinquished command in Dec. 1945.

One of their first major actions in WW II was to make a night jump into Normandy on *D-Day* June 6, 1944, preceding the Allied invasion. They underwent heavy fighting for 34-days before being relieved then turned-around only 6 days later and made a daylight jump 53 miles behind German lines to lead the invasion into Holland during *Operation Market Garden*; then rushed into Belgium to help relieve the Allies unforeseen onslaught in the *Battle of the Bulge* in the Ardennes. The unit receive the Presidential Unit Citation for gallantry and combat action during their first three days, suffering 1061 casualties of which 307 of their men were killed in action between June 6-9.

Nordyke reminded us that there were few Parachute Infantry Regiments in WW II that could match the ferocity of the 508th in both attack and defensive actions; they lead the way in campaigns in Tunisia, Sicily, Holland and France, and wrote another page in the heroic annals of Allied Airborne Troops in WW II.

Thank you Phil for sharing the history of the 508th with the Round Table, for *Preserving History*, and for a job well done.

I am pleased to announce that we have four (4) new members who have joined us since the May 16th meeting:

Veteran Robert Svoboda – Robert is a 23-year U.S. Army veteran who served in *Desert Storm, Desert Shield and Operation Enduring Freedom*. Robert retired from the Army with the rank of Major. He is a Military History Instructor-Certified.

Elaine Rivers – Elaine is the wife of our Sergeant-at-Arms Captain Bob Rivers. Her father served in Manila in the Philippines.

Andrea Bethea Shepherd – Andrea Bethea is the wife of Sergeant-at-Arms William (Bill) Shepherd.

Mary Kent Shepherd – Mary is retired and is interested in all aspects of World War II.

Please welcome Robert, Elaine, Andrea Bethea and Mary as our newest members at the JUNE 20th, 2013 meeting.

SPECIAL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

>>> **(NEW) NOMINATED OFFICERS 2013-2014 CAMPAIGN** – The following Officers have been nominated for the 2013-2014 Round Table Campaign: **Commander – Lee Weinstein; Deputy Commander – Marilyn Pahr**; Adjutant – John Kovach; Finance Officer – Jay Lenny; Deputy Finance Officer – Guy Condra; Sergeant-at-Arms (Capt.) – Bob Rivers; Sergeant-at-Arms Team – Joe Jordan and Bill Shepherd; Chaplain (Senior) – H.T. Maclin; Asst. Chaplains – Bill Sperry and Carl Espy, Jr.

>>> **(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: **June – Deborah Lindsay – The National World WW II Museum**. 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.*

>>> **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 Quote:

In the German invasion of Belgium in 1914, the Germans were quick to introduce terror against the civilian population. As they would take any town, if there was any sort of resistance of the local population – shooting at the invading soldiers, sabotage of roads, railways or bridges, cutting of communication lines, destruction of food supplies – anything, then the Germans would line up people in the local villages, shoot many of them as an example and increase the numbers if others tried resistance. This not only increased the will of the Belgian people to resist, but alarmed the whole world against these tactics of German warfare.

From "The Guns of August" (1962)
Author: Barbara W. Tuchman

Atlanta WW II Round Table Members – Please remember that there will be NO scheduled meetings of the Round Table in July or August. Our next scheduled meeting will be on September 19th (Thursday), 2013 – at the Petite Au Berge – Meeting start time 11:30 AM