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Date: NOVEMBER 21st, 2013 (THURSDAY) >> Next Meeting DEC. 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: John W. (Jack) Hancock

Subject: “U.S.S. Yorktown CV5 / Battle of Midway / Pacific Theater Combat”

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 NOVEMBER 21st, 2013– John W. (Jack) Hancock (To Be Introduced By Robert Elkns)

The NOVEMBER 21st, 2013 (THURSDAY) meeting of the Atlanta WW II Round Table will feature **John W. (Jack) Hancock** as our speaker. Jack was born in Coffee County, Georgia on August 24th, 1924. He entered the 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 in Newport News, VA. which transited to Pacific Operations against the Japanese departing Norfolk in December 1941. He participated in multiple battles including the *Battle of the Coral Sea* and the *Battle of Midway* (in which the U.S.S. Yorktown CV5 was sunk.) After these battles, Jack was sent to a Naval Hospital in Pearl Harbor to recover from wounds received; he returned to the fleet to participate in combat once again against the Japanese. including the *Saipan Great Marianas Turkey Shoot*, the invasions of Saipan, Tinian, Guam, Peleliu, Leyte, Mindoro, Luzon and Iwo Jima. Hancock also participated in Fighter cover operations escorting B-29's bombing Japan and in engaged in attacks on Japanese *Kamikazes* in defense of attacks on U.S. Navy ships and other targets.

Please welcome Jack Hancock as our November 21st, 2013 speaker (**273rd Meeting.**)

Review Of OCTOBER 17th 2013 Speaker B. (Burt) Richard Sadler (Introduced by Deputy Commander Pahr)

Our October 17th speaker, Burt Sadler, gave the Round Table a wonderful presentation of his life in England prior to the beginnings of WW II and how he served his country to fight the Germans once they declared war on the Great Britain in 1939. Although he was born in 1925 in London, he had to grow-up fast; the Germans began bombing London in September 1940 when he was 15 years old; living in a bomb shelter would almost become second nature to him.

Sadler fought back as a teenager as best he could, agreeing to be attached to the *Warden's Post* as a member of the *Boys Brigade* at age 14 during the firebombing of London then enlisting in the British Royal Marines in 1943 at the age of 18. He served aboard the *HMS Blazer* (Sadler informed us the traditional Blue Blazer sprung from the Blazers worn by the Royal British Marines on-board ships like the *HMS Blazer*.)

Soon afterward, Burt found himself training as a Royal Marine *Stoker/Driver* and his assignment to a LCI (Landing Craft Infantry) flotilla for the invasion of France on June 6th, 1944. His landing craft delivered British Royal Engineers and explosives (TNT) to Juno Beach on D-Day. Sadler was re-trained later as a combat infantryman and sent to Kiel, Germany; he remained there until the end of WW II, primarily capturing and corralling German military forces who refused to surrender.

Thank you Burt for your bravery as a young boy and fighting alongside the

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British Royal Marines in WW II, 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 October 17th meeting:

Veteran Philip (Phil) J. Autrey – Philip served with the 82nd Airborne Division from 1970-1972, from 1972-2000 he served in the National Guard and retired from the US Army Reserves in 2000.

Veteran Jay Pryor – Jay served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War, serving on the U.S.S. Hissem (Der-400) and Staff on Com Des Ron 29.

Veteran Peter (Pete) Jay Mecca, Jr. – Pete served in the USAF Intelligence flying on B-52's out of Orlando, FL. Then serving 30 months in Vietnam.

Please welcome Philip, Jay and Pete as our newest members at the NOVEMBER 21st, 2013 meeting.

SPECIAL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/OF SPECIAL INTEREST& UPCOMING EVENTS

>>> **(NEW) Movie Review & Recommendation By Member Greg McClelland** – *The Formula*, starring George C. Scott, Marlon Brando & Sir John Gielgud. Although this movie was released in 1980 and hasn't been seen much on commercial TV in decades, the subject matter still intrigues many. The film opens in the final days of WW II, as the Russians are on the outskirts of Berlin. A German SS General is dispatched to the Swiss border with top secret materials, with orders to hide them from the Allies. *The Formula* references a secret formula developed by a German scientist for a catalyst that converts coal into petroleum. With the Nazis relying heavily on their coal reserves to fuel their war efforts, given their lack of petroleum, *The Formula* was one of their secret weapons to fuel their war efforts and was sought-after by the big oil cartels who wanted the formula to remain secret and in keep it hidden from the world. The paranoia of greed and secrecy leads to several deaths of those trying to obtain, expose or shelter *The Formula* and hide the reasons behind the cartel's obsession to possess it; the cartel's plan to acquire control of the planet's coal reserves which would be worth their weight in Gold as the world runs out of oil. The film is noteworthy as being one of the first films to deal with the issue of 'Peak Oil' and the global collapse of economies based on fossil fuels. Amazon.com offers the film on DVD for under \$1 (used) or download (one-time rental) for \$3 or new for about \$5.

>>> **(NEW) – DECEMBER 7th (SATURDAY), 2013 – 9AM-12 NOON** – Round Table WW II veterans have been invited and will be honored on December 7th, 2013 at the Pearl Harbor Commemoration being held by the AMVETS at Post 44 / Green Forest Community Baptist Church, 3250 Rainbow Dr., Bldg. 3, Decatur, GA 30034. This event is from 9AM-12 NOON Special speaker will be Maj. General Willie Alexander (US Army Ret).

>>> **(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: **November – John 'Jack' Hancock – Pilot/U.S.S. Yorktown**; **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:

No empire more vicious and cruel has ever existed than the Aztec (1428-1521). The Aztecs were a sophisticated and powerful people who ruled over nearly 500 smaller states. Tenochtitlan, the Aztec capital, was a beautiful city of canals, gardens and temples. Tenochtitlan was also a charnel house, because the Aztecs demanded of the peoples they conquered a constant stream of men and boys whose hearts they'd cut out on their altars to feed to their gods. For the rededication of the Great Pyramid of Tenochtitlan in 1487, 84,400 prisoners were sacrificed over four days, according to an Aztec account. The Aztecs were cannibals. They ate -- usually with tomatoes and chili peppers -- the arms and legs of the tens of thousands of sacrificial victims each year. People who are so vicious and cruel rarely are popular with those they conquer, which is the fact-key to understanding how a Spanish force that never numbered more than 1,200 could destroy a sophisticated, militaristic empire whose population at the time was estimated to be as much as 11 million. Yet most historians these days gloss over it.

In the Politically Correct version of history, the Spanish prevailed because of their superior weapons. It's true that the conquistadores had swords of Toledo steel, some muskets, a few cannon and horses. They could not have prevailed without them, or without their superior military tactics. But technology can only take you so far.

It'll surprise you to find out that Hernando Cortés's skillful diplomacy and the ruthless and bloody reign of the Aztecs did more to cause the downfall of the Aztec empire than "superior"??? weapons.

Excerpt from "The Jade Steps"

Dr. Jack Wheeler (1944-2010) (*Geopolitical Strategist, creator of the Reagan Doctrine, which led to the demise of the Soviet Union*)