



## THE ATLANTA WORLD WAR II ROUND TABLE

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**Date:** SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013 (THURSDAY) >> Next Meeting OCT. 17<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** Social Hour: 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM > MEETING START TIME 11:30 AM - Speaker Immediately Following Lunch

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

**Speaker:** Richard (Dick) Bailey

**Subject:** “322<sup>nd</sup> Medium Bomb Group Over Europe”

### 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 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013– Richard (Dick) Bailey (To Be Introduced By Deputy Commander Pahr)

The SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013 (THURSDAY) meeting of the *Atlanta WW II Round Table* will feature 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Richard (Dick) Bailey as our speaker. Dick was born in Johnson City, NY in 1922. His love of flying and airplanes began when he was a teenager; at 17 he was the youngest pilot in the ‘triple cities’ area of Johnson City, Endicott and Binghamton, NY.

Dick enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps as a aviation cadet in February 1942 just after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941. He received his wings and commission at Twin-Engine Advanced School in Stuttgart, Arkansas and was immediately assigned to Barksdale Field in Louisiana for *B-26 Martin Marauder* transition training.

Dick was then assigned to the 450<sup>th</sup> Squadron, 322<sup>nd</sup> Bomb Group, which was the first of eight B-26 Groups in the 9<sup>th</sup> Air Force. The 322<sup>nd</sup> started out with the mission of isolating the battlefield, disrupting German transportation in preparation for the D-Day invasion. Eisenhower in cooperation with Winston Churchill enhanced the mission of the 322<sup>nd</sup> to include the bombing of the *V-1 Buzz Bomb* and *V-2 Rocket* launching sites along the French coast. On June 6<sup>th</sup>, 1944 Lt. Bailey flew 3 missions over the beaches of Normandy in support of the D-Day landing forces.

Dick also flew support missions during the *Battle of the Bulge* in December 1944 and during one of these missions became the only Bomber Pilot in the European Theater to be credited with shooting down a German *ME-109 Fighter* plane. Dick will give us the details of this and more at the September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

In January 1945 Dick completed his combat tour with 65 missions and returned home where he continued to fly both military and civilian aircraft including the *B-26 Marauder*, *B-25 Mitchell*, C-47 Skytrain, C-35 Electra, At-7 Navigator, AT-6 Texan, Piper L-4 and Stinson L-5. He also continued to fly as a Reservist at Stewart Field, West Point until 1947.

He is a graduate of the *Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI)*, graduating with a Bachelors degree in Mechanical Engineering and worked as a Engineer for several companies including IBM, Honeywell and Univac until his retirement in 1996.

Please welcome Dick Bailey as our September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013 speaker (**271<sup>st</sup> Meeting.**)

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### Review of JUNE 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Speaker Deborah G. Lindsay (Introduced by Deputy Commander Weinstein)

The JUNE 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013 (THURSDAY) meeting of the *Atlanta WW II Round Table* featured 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.

Deborah’s presentation showcased the history of the *National World War II Museum* in New Orleans, which many of you recall the Round Table visited several years ago when it was still known as

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*The National D-Day Museum.* After Hurricane Katrina in 2005, the Museum's name changed and it has expanded and grown considerably, in part due to its new affiliation with *The Smithsonian Institution* in Washington, DC. Deborah accentuated 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.

In addition to serving on the Board of Trustees of *The National WWII Museum* in New Orleans, Deborah serves on the Board of Trustees and as a Director of *The Museum of History and Holocaust Education at Kennesaw State University*. She has been a member of the *Atlanta World War II Round Table* for several years and serves on several Round table committees including the *Museum of Camaraderie* Committee, the Program Committee and others.

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 highlighted her presentation of *The World War II Museum* in New Orleans to The Round Table in June with a stunning audio/visual presentation and encouraged all Round Table members to plan a visit to the Museum to experience the beautiful new site. The Museum is located in the Central Business District of New Orleans. Extensive information about the Museum is available on their Website at [www.nationalww2museum.org](http://www.nationalww2museum.org).

Thank you Deborah for updating us on the *National WWII Museum*, 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 16<sup>th</sup> meeting:*

**Veteran. Col. Brent Bracewell (Ret)** – Before retiring from the *Georgia Army National Guard*, Brent was a Tactical Command Officer in charge of a Blackhawk Helicopter Wing based at Dobbins NAS. He was Commander of the *78<sup>th</sup> Aviation Troop Command*. You may recall Brent speaking to us in May 2010 as well ( he quickly stepped-in on very short notice for scheduled speaker Bernie Dvorscak who suffered a relapse from his medical recovery.)

**Veteran Gerald (Jerry) Cloninger** – Jerry served in the Air Force during the Korean War, later serving in the National Guard.

**Veteran Linda Spencer** – Linda served in the *U.S. Army Nursing Corps* from 1962-1997. She served during the *Cuban Missile Crisis* and *Desert Storm*. She is now a professor at Emory Univ.

**Barbara Reed** – Barbara is the wife of member Robert Reed and is a retired RN.

*Please welcome Brent, Jerry, Linda and Barbara as our newest members at the SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013 meeting.*



#### **SPECIAL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

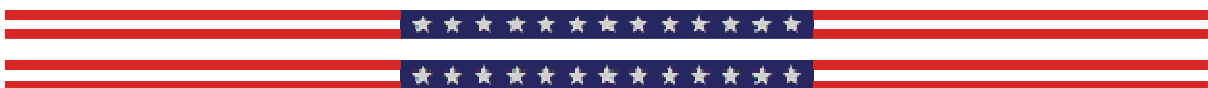
>>> (NEW) **THE GREAT GEORGIA AIR SHOW** – The Great Georgia Air Show will be October 11-13 (Friday-Sunday), 2013 at the *Atlanta Regional Airport (Formerly Falcon Field)* in Peachtree City, GA. For additional information and ticket pricing please visit their Website at <http://thegreatgeorgiaairshow.com/>

>>> (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: **SEPTEMBER – Dick Bailey – 322<sup>nd</sup> Bomb Group Over Europe**; October – Richard Sadler – British Royal Marine; November – John 'Jack' Hancock – Pilot/U.S.S. Yorktown; December – Zellie Rainey Orr – Historian / Tuskegee Airmen Organization-Atlanta. 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 an 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](mailto:lmwlaw@aol.com)



Monthly Quote:

"It is not...that some people do not know what to do with Truth when it is offered them, but the tragic fate is to reach, after years of patient search, a condition of **mind-blindness**, in which the Truth is not recognized, though it stares you in the face."

*Sir William Osler*