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Date: DECEMBER 18th, 2014 (THURSDAY) >> *Next Meeting JAN. 15th*

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

** PETITE AUBERGE 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: Joe Kirby

Subject: “*The Bell Bomber Plant and Marietta: Then and Now*”

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

((Meeting Attendance For The November 20th Meeting: ± 114))

Speaker for DECEMBER 18th, 2014– Joe Kirby (To Be Introduced By Dep. Cdr. Pete Mecca)

The DECEMBER 18th, 2014 (THURSDAY) Meeting of the Atlanta WW II Round Table will feature **Joe Kirby** as our speaker. Many of you will recognize Joe as being the Editorial Page Editor of the Marietta Daily Journal since 1992 as well as being the winner of the prestigious Freedom of Information Award and the Public Service Award from the Associated Press (Georgia) and the Georgia Press Association numerous times as well as winning awards for Best Columnist, Best Editorial, Best Editorial Pages and Best Feature from those groups.

Some of you may remember Joe when he worked in the late 1980s and early 1990s as a city hall/general assignment reporter for the Marietta Daily Journal (MDJ); prior to that he was a reporter/anchorman for radio stations in northeast Georgia, including CBS affiliate WNGC in Athens, GA.

Kirby has served on the boards of The Marietta Museum of History, the Cobb Library Foundation, The Kennesaw Mountain Historical Association and The Marietta Kiwanis Club. He is a long-time Contributing Editor to the Civil War News.

Joe is the author of several books, they are part of his Images of America Series, including “*The Lockheed Plant*” (2011), “*The Bell Bomber Plant*” (2008) (with co-author Damien A. Guarnieri), “*Then & Now: Marietta*” (2007) and “*Then & Now: Marietta Revisited.*” (2009).

He has a B.A. from James Madison University in History and Communication Arts and a graduate of T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria, VA (“*Remember the Titans!*”). Joe and his wife and two children live in Marietta.

Please welcome Joe Kirby as our DECEMBER 18th, 2014 speaker (284th Meeting.)

Review Of November 20th, 2014 Speaker- Carol Cain (Introduced by Dep. Cdr. Marilyn Pahr)

Our November 20th speaker, Carol Cain, did a stupendous job as a cheerleader for the iconic *Rosie-The-Riveters* during WW II. For the past 20 years, Carol has performed as *Rosie-The-Riveter* at the Little White House in Warm Springs, GA and other locations throughout the Southeast and Nationally. Carol has also been a High School teacher for the past 30 years.

Although she was somewhat coerced to give her first presentation as *Rosie*, it led to her giving multiple presentations over the last 20 years and educating thousands of both adults and children about how the *Rosies* became the first working American women who worked in factories during WW II, many of whom produced munitions and war supplies. These women took entirely new jobs, replacing the male workers who were serving in the military.

As the country’s largest labor reserve at that time, women were

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recruited by both Government and industry to work building ships, as welders, mechanics, crane operators, bus drivers and to fill almost any position or job a man could do.

The term *Rosie-The-Riveter* became famous in 1942 after *Big-Band leader Kay Kyser* recorded a song by the same name written by Redd Evans and John Jacob Loeb.

Thank-You Carol (*along with Wynnona Espinoza, Inez Sawyer and all the other Rosies*) for your devotion as both a teacher and for your efforts in preserving the history of the *Rosie-The-Riveters* during WW II, and lastly for a job well done.



I am pleased to announce that we have four (4) new members who have joined us since the November 20th Meeting:

WW II Veteran Aaron Robert (Bob) Maran – Bob served in both the ETO and the Pacific Theaters in the U.S. Army as a Supply Sergeant Quartermaster with the 8th Armored Division.

Vietnam, Panama & Gulf War One Veteran James Patrick (Pat) Buchanan – Pat was our October 16th speaker. He served with the 82nd Airborne Division, 1st Bn. 3rd Special Forces Group and 3rd Bn. 5th Special Forces Group in Vietnam, Panama and in Gulf War One.

Veteran Colin Bessonette – Colin served 6 years in the Air National Guard in North Carolina and Georgia.

Jonathan A. Jarman, MD – Jonathan's father served in both WW II and in Korea as a Trauma Surgeon, then Director of the V.A. Hospital in Atlanta. Jonathan is interested in all of German History, the Hitler era and Jewish Camps.

Please welcome Bob, Pat, Colin and Jonathan as our newest members at the December 18th, 2014 meeting.



SPECIAL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS / OF SPECIAL INTEREST & UPCOMING EVENTS

>>> **(NEW) DECEMBER 18TH Atlanta WW II Round Table Meeting** – Notice to all members planning to attend the December 18th Meeting – The Round Table will conduct a special gift collection for our Waiter and Waitress Staff at the Petite Auberge Restaurant. Please remember that our meal prices include gratuities at our regular meetings and this is the only time we can express our appreciation for the hard-working men and women at the Petite that serve our meals so be as generous as you can.

>>> **(UPDATED) IMMEDIATE - WITNESS-TO-WAR ORGANIZATION AND ATLANTA WW II ROUND TABLE** – I am pleased to announce that the *Witness-To-War Organization* and The Atlanta WW II Round Table have agreed to work closely together as our organizations continue to evolve in 2014-2015. *Witness-To-War Foundation* Director Emily Carley was authorized by her CEO, Tom Beaty, to offer their video and audio recording services at each of our meetings. Emily Carley or Video Specialist Martin Madert will be at each of our meetings, and in the event one of them is unable to attend, our own Videographer Ted Murphy has offered to step-in for them. Veterans from all services and all conflicts are asked to sign-up with Emily or Martin and provide them with their oral histories. These interviews can be done at their extensive studios in Norcross. WTW can also arrange to come to a veteran's home to conduct an interview. You can contact Emily or Martin at our regular meetings or via email: Emily Carley's email: emily@witnessstowar.org and Martin's: seb@witnessstowar.org or by calling Emily at 770-481-3018.

>>> **(UPDATED) JANUARY 14TH THROUGH FEBRUARY 15TH, 2015 – Lecture Series – MARCHING THROUGH 20TH CENTURY HISTORY: FROM VERSAILLES TO STALINGRAD.** That is the title of the 48th annual lecture series presented by the *Atlanta Alumnae Club of Sweet Briar College*. The lecturers include Dr. Patrick Allitt and Dr. Matthew Payne from Emory U., Dr. Janek Wasserman from the U. of Alabama, Jonathan W. Jordan, a King & Spalding attorney/historian, and Bruce Gamble, a retired Air Force veteran. The series is designed for those who seek university level education without academic credit. The lectures will be held in McElreath Hall at the Atlanta History Center for seven Wednesdays, January 14—February 15, 2015. The time is 1:00-3:00 PM. The cost for the seven two hour lectures is \$95. The public is invited. For further information contact camilleyow@comcast.net or 404.237.6054.

>>> **(NEW) FEBRUARY 21ST, 2015 (SATURDAY) BANQUET RESERVATION FORM** – Enclosed with the December Newsletter is the Reservation form for our Annual February Banquet. Meals for all members whose dues are current are compliments of the Round Table; otherwise your meal pricing is \$ 28.00. You are also asked to pay \$ 28.00 for any guest(s) you bring. Please remember to check-off your choice of meal(s) and send the Reservation Form back to Finance Officer Jay Lenny in the enclosed pre-addressed envelope.

>>> **(REMINDER) ALL FUTURE MEETINGS** – Senior Chaplain Carl Espy requested at the Executive Board Meeting in August to inform the membership that his door is always open to all members, at any time, to be updated on any member who is ill, infirmed at home, hospitalized or unable to attend regular meetings due to health issues. Chaplin Espy would like to be informed of the member's name and address and telephone number and he will attempt to keep in-touch with the families of seriously ill members. Carl can be reached at 770-698-0027 or via email at cespyjr@comcast.net.

>>> **(UPDATED) UPCOMING SPEAKERS for – OCT. – DEC. 2014** – Deputy Commander and Program Chairman Pete Mecca has lined-up some impressive speakers for us for the remainder of 2014 and our 2015 campaign: **Dec. 18th – Joe Kirby (Award winning Author-Books On The Lockheed Plant during WW II).** January 15th, 2015 – Herb Smith – Sentinel and Relief Commander- Tomb of The Unknown Soldier – Washington DC; February 21st – Annual February Banquet (Saturday) – Georgia Veteran Hall of Fame and triple-amputee Tommy Clack. Please note that the speaker's engagements are subject to change. Thank you again Larry Robert for the outstanding job you did for the Round Table; Thank-You Pete for taking on this very difficult endeavor and for your continuing efforts to seek-out and engage excellent speakers for our meetings. Should any member have a suggestion or lead for Pete relative to a qualified Speaker, please contact him 770-354-9697 or via email at aveteransstory@gmail.com.



MONTHLY QUOTES:

I long to sleep, and cannot. Not since that terrible day. If I could ever once lie down, if I could at last take my place in the soft brown earth, with the grasses waving above my head, and listen to silence, to finally have no yesterday, no tomorrow, to forget time, to forgive life, to be at peace my soul freed for death... if only there could be an end, to the endless.

Sir Simon de Canterville, *The Canterville Ghost* by Oscar Wilde