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Date: JANUARY 16th, 2014 (THURSDAY) >> Next Meeting FEB. 15th (SAT)

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(s): Sir Garland Reynolds / Bill Dean

Subject: “ Camp Toccoa / Currahee Museum Renovation Project”

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 JANUARY 16th, 2014– Sir Garland Reynolds (To Be Introduced By Dep. Cdr. Marilyn Pahr)

Architect Sir Garland Reynolds will be our featured speaker at the upcoming JANUARY 16th, 2014 (THURSDAY) meeting / luncheon of the Atlanta WW II Round Table. Currahee Museum Committee Co-Chair Bill Dean will pick up and take over for Garland shortly after the start of the meeting. Architect Reynolds has been commissioned to design and lead the building of the new Currahee Museum and Visitors Center as well as restoring the historical Camp Toccoa. Sir Garland may pass-around several pictures of what Camp Toccoa looked like in its heyday prior to and during WW II. Enhanced enlarged photos showed how the Camp was originally structured and photos of soldiers-in- training who eventually would be assigned to the 82nd Airborne, 101st Airborne, or the 11th, 13th or 17th Airborne Divisions. There will also be a short 7:28 minute “Camp Toccoa” video produced by the World War II Foundation. Currahee Museum Project Co-Chairman Bill Dean will also assist Garland in his presentation. Dean will have some up-to-date information on the status of the Camp Toccoa / Currahee Museum funding and public-relations efforts.

Please welcome Sir Garland Reynolds and Bill Dean as our JANUARY 16th, 2014 speakers (275th Meeting.)

Review Of DECEMBER 19th, 2013 Speaker Zellie Rainey Orr (Introduced by Dep. Cdr. Marilyn Pahr)

Zellie Orr did a outstanding job at our December 19th meeting of highlighting the importance and role the Tuskegee Airmen played in WW II. Flying escort for heavy bombers, the 332nd earned an impressive combat record. The Allies called these airmen "Red Tails" or "Red-Tail Angels" because of the distinctive crimson unit identification marking predominantly applied on the tail section of the unit's Republic P-47 Thunderbolts and later North American P-51 Mustang Fighter Aircraft.

The Tuskegee Airmen were credited by higher commands with the following accomplishments: 1578 combat missions; 179 bomber escort missions; 112 enemy aircraft destroyed in the air, another 150 on the ground[36] and 148 damaged; 950 rail cars, trucks and other motor vehicles destroyed; One destroyer put out of action; 40 boats and barges destroyed. The Red-Tails received three Distinguished Unit Citations, at least one Silver Star, 96 Distinguished Flying Crosses, 14 Bronze Stars, 744 Air Medals and 8 Purple Hearts.

During WW II, racial discrimination was commonplace; the Tuskegee Airmen had to not only fight the Germans but had to deal with all the issues of being discriminated against including segregated base facilities and lack of promotions to qualified black officers.

Zellie was able to bring WW II Tuskegee Airman Norris Connelly to the meeting as well as Lt. Col. Edgar Vanduren Lewis, a Tuskegee Airman from the Korean and Vietnam Wars. A member of the Civilian Ground Crew at the Tuskegee AirField who served during WW II, James Patrick was also at the meeting.

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Thank you Zellie for being a wonderful champion of the Tuskegee Airmen, never giving up, and for a job well done.

I am pleased to announce that we have six (6) new members who have joined us since the December 19th, 2013 meeting:
WW II Veteran Philip (Phil) H. Pollock Jr. – Phil served with the 347th, 87th Infantry Division in the ETO. He was assigned to the 347th in October 1944 and was in combat east of the Metz and in the Battle of The Bulge.
WW II Veteran John W. Hancock – As you recall, John was our November 2013 speaker. He served onboard the U.S.S. Yorktown CV5 and participated in multiple battles including the Battle of The Coral Sea and the Battle of Midway.
Vietnam Veteran Brian W. West – Brian served in the USMC 1965-1970 as a Helicopter Pilot in Vietnam. He flew 800 missions, received 40 Air Medals and also received a Purple Heart.
US Navy Veteran Duane R. Bruno Duane served in the U.S. Navy from 1968 – 1972.
Brian Weinstein – Brian's Grandfather was a POW in the Philippines and Japan. Brian is interested in all areas of WW II history especially the Pacific Theater. (*Brian is no relation to Commander Lee Weinstein*)
Mike Koesters – Mike is the son of George and Virginia Grace Koesters.
Please welcome Phil, John, Brian, Duane, Brian and Mike as our newest members at the JANUARY 16th, 2014 meeting.

SPECIAL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/OF SPECIAL INTEREST& UPCOMING EVENTS

>>> **(NEW) JANUARY 16th 2014 (THURSDAY)** – Effective at the January 16th, 2014 regularly scheduled meeting, the side-door entry to the Petite Au Berge Restaurant will be kept locked. Members, guests, and visitors must now use the front-door entrance. The front door to the Petite is handicap and wheelchair friendly and will save our members so steps.
>>> **(NEW) FEBRUARY 15th 2014 (SATURDAY)** – Planning is underway for the Atlanta WW II Round Table 2014 Annual Banquet. The Banquet will be on February 15th (SATURDAY); start time/Social Hour 11:00AM-12 NOON. As we have done for many years, members whose dues are current will be given their meals compliments of the Round Table. You will only need to pay \$ 28.00 for any guests, wives, significant others or friends you would like to bring. **A RESERVATION FORM and Return-Reply envelope was included with your December Newsletter.** If you did not receive this **Reservation Form** please contact Finance Officer Jay Lenny at 770-638-7824 or Adjutant John Kovach at 770928-4579. Please note that this will be the only scheduled meeting for the month of February.

The Petite is allowing us the use of the entire Restaurant on that day, there will be selection of warm and cold hors d'oeuvres prior to dinner; Jill Berry will sing for us and the Stu McGee Band will play WW II theme music during the Social Hour. All members with **Reservation Forms** sent-in will receive two (2) complimentary bar drinks (house wine, beer or soft drinks.) Please return your completed **Reservation Form** to Finance Officer Jay Lenny asap with your choice of meal(s) checked-off (Roast Chicken, Beef Burgundy or Fresh Salmon.)

>>> **(NEW) – FEBRUARY 17th-FEBRUARY 21st (MONDAY-FRIDAY)** – The National WW II Museum in New Orleans is in the process of conducting high-definition interviews with WW II veterans and contributors to the War effort. The Museum's mission is to capture the American experience during WW II so future generations will be able to learn about what this generation did at one of the most critical junctures in world history. National WW II Museum Special Project Historian Tom Gibbs will be in the Atlanta area conducting interviews from Monday, February 17th through Friday, February 21st and would like to schedule as many interviews as possible. A Oral History Appearance Release Form will be required from each participant and is being attached to this email Newsletter; there will also be a Release Form at the January and February meetings, placed at the tables or available from the Sergeant-At-Arms. You can contact Tom at 504-528-1944 x 313 or via email at tom.gibbs@nationalww2museum.org

>>> **(NEW) - APRIL 2nd, 2014 (WEDNESDAY)** - The Roswell Rotary Club is announcing the 6th Honor Air Trip to Washington, DC for April 2nd, 2014. This round-trip flight is free to WW II veterans. Each veteran will be accompanied by his or her own personal guardian. Those interested can obtain an application from the Roswell Rotary Club's Website at www.roswellrotary.com. You can also contact Pat DiGeorge via email at pdigeorge@gmail.com. Please note that Korean War veterans may also apply for the trip; WW II veterans will be given first choice. Personal Guardians are also welcome to apply but must pay their own way (\$ 350.00); applications for Personal Guardians will be accepted on a as-needed basis.

>>> **(NEW) MAY 25th, 2014 (SUNDAY)** – Concourse Athletic Club – Memorial-Day Celebration **“MEET THE VETERANS - HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED -** On Sunday, 25 May 2014, from the hours of 1 to 5 PM, the members of the Atlanta World War II Round Table, in cooperation with various veterans groups and supporters of the military, plan to commemorate Memorial Day at the Concourse Athletic Club in Atlanta through exhibits, displays, and personal testimonies of living veterans of past wars and campaigns in order to Honor The Veterans (Fallen and Living) , educate the public, and celebrate the victories and accomplishments of those who have sacrificed for the freedom of our nation.

>>> **(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: January-June 2014: **January, 2014-Garland Reynolds-Architect of the Camp Toccoa /Currahee Museum & Visitors Center**; February 2014 (Banquet) Jonathan Jordan – Historian and Author; March 2014 – Seymour (Sy) Goodman 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.

>>> **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:

"The best way to control the opposition is to lead [finance] it."

~Vladimir Lenin