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Date: OCTOBER 16th, 2014 (THURSDAY) >> Next Meeting NOV. 20th

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: Pat Buchanan

Subject: " Three Generations of Service "

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 Sept. 18th Meeting: ± 130))

Speaker for OCTOBER 16th, 2014– Pat Buchanan (To Be Introduced By Dep. Cdr. Marilyn Pahr)

The OCTOBER 16th, 2014 (THURSDAY) Meeting of the Atlanta WW II Round Table will feature Pat Buchanan as our speaker. Pat is a native of Atlanta and entered the U.S. Army in October 1966 doing multiple tours in Vietnam in 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970 & 1971. He participated in the invasion of Panama (*Operation Just Cause*) in December 1989 and in Gulf War One (*Operation Desert Shield*) from August 1990 to January 1991. He retired from the Army in June 1992.

During Pat's 26-year military career he served with 319th Artillery 82nd Airborne Division; 3rd Battalion 5th and 1st Battalion 3rd Special Forces Group- based out of Fort Bragg. For his services he was honored with the most coveted award, The Combat Infantryman Badge.

Pat is now on a different path, serving as Chaplain for the 10th District Department of Georgia, Chaplain of the American Legion Post 77 in Conyers, Chaplain of the American Legion Riders Post 77 and Chaplain of the Patriot Guard Riders. He is currently working on becoming Ordained.

Please welcome Pat Buchanan as our OCTOBER 16th, 2014 speaker (282nd Meeting.)

Review Of SEPT. 18th, 2014 Speaker- Jack Simpson (Introduced by Dep. Cdr. Marilyn Pahr)

With almost record attendance of 130, our September 18th speaker Jack Simpson gave the Round Table a unforgettable presentation and talk of his combat experience with the 45th Infantry Division at Anzio Beach, Italy. Jack was part of a 105mm Tracked Howitzer crew operating a 50 cal. machine gun.

The 45th Infantry Division along with other elements of the U.S. 5th swarmed ashore on a fifteen-mile stretch of Italian beach near the prewar resort towns of Anzio and Nettuno in January 1944. Jack and his 179th Infantry Cannon Company got ashore without much resistance from the Germans but soon were under constant bombing, shelling and small-arms fire; walking and constantly digging foxholes as they advanced slowly forward while fighting alongside U.S. Ranger troops from the Third Division and some British forces. Jack didn't know it at the time, but he was fighting alongside Audie Murphy, James Arness (later to become the famous star of the TV Show 'Gunsmoke') and William (Bill) Mauldin (WW II cartoonist most famous for his 'Willie and Joe' characters.)

From January – June 1944 the 45th had what Simpson called a 'tenuous' foothold on the beach at Anzio. He called it a place of pain, sorrow, death, destruction and eventually scattered crosses. The invasion of Anzio took a heavy toll on the Allies; Simpson saw many of the 7000 of his fellow soldiers left behind in the cemeteries; nearly 30,000 were wounded. To those brave soldiers he had to leave behind, he would remember telling them to 'sleep-on' as he departed to carry on the fighting in Southern France and Germany. He was awarded two (2) Bronze Stars for Heroic and Meritorious Service with Ground Forces in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations.

Jack ended his presentation with a story of single-handedly capturing 17 German soldiers after going out to shoot at some rabbits; Simpson shot so many bullets at the long-legged Rabbits so see them jump, that the Germans, hungry and separated from their units, thought they were surrounded and laid-down their arms to him.

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Simpson is now the longest active certified Law Enforcement Officer in the USA after serving with the FBI for 23 years and continuing to work today as a Deputy Sheriff and Bailiff in Rockdale and Newton Counties.

Thank-You Jack Simpson for your inspiring presentation, for preserving history and for a job well done.

I am pleased to announce that we have two (2) new members who have joined us since the September 18th Meeting:

Veteran Tilden Reid – Tilden did two (2) tours in Vietnam as a U.S. Army Ranger, Airborne, Infantry Colonel.

Veteran Paul Engle – Paul served in the U.S. Army from 1979-1972, 193rd MP Company in Germany.

Please welcome Tilden and Paul as our newest members at the October 16th, 2014 meeting.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ALL ROUND TABLE MEMBERS

There will be a special vote at the October 16th meeting for a change in the Command-Structure of the Atlanta WW II Round Table. The proposed changes are as follows:

- ★ **The Commanding Officer** shall be elected and may be re-elected for up to two successive terms or until his+(her) successor has been elected. It shall be his+(her) duty to preside at all meetings of the organization and of the Executive Committee. + NEW
- ★ **The Deputy Commander** shall be elected for one year or until his+(her) successor has been elected: and, in the absence of the Commanding Officer, shall perform the duties of the Commanding Officer. + NEW
- ★ **+(The Assistant Commander** shall be a member appointed by the Commander on an annual basis to serve as needed by the Commander and in the absence of the Commander, to serve as needed by the Deputy Commander. In the event that both the Commander and Deputy Commander are absent, the Assistant Commander shall preside)) +(NEW)

SPECIAL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/OF SPECIAL INTEREST& UPCOMING EVENTS

>>> **(NEW) ATLANTA GEORGIA VETERANS DAY PARADE – NOVEMBER 8th (SATURDAY)**

We are very excited to announce that the 33rd Annual Georgia Veterans Day Parade, proudly brought to you by the Georgia Veterans Day Parade Association of Atlanta, Inc. will be held on a Saturday, November 8th this year. This annual parade is the one of the largest Veterans Day parade in the country and will wind down Baker Street from Peachtree Street towards Centennial Olympic Park (Reviewing Stand by The World of Coca Cola). Our small group of all-volunteers coordinates an all-day event beginning with a parade at exactly 11:11 am.

With the 70th Anniversary of D-Day occurring this summer, we want to honor those Veterans who served in both theatres of World War II. Our official theme is: **"Pathway to Victory – From D-Day to Tokyo Bay "** and focuses on the final 15 months of the war. We are honored to have Captain Dale Dye, USMC Ret., Actor, Celebrity and Hollywood Military advisor. We are excited to showcase our community's immense gratitude to these heroes and their enduring legacy. Let us set this special day to honor these men and women and to pray that our nation's memory of their service will never fade.

Round Table WW II Veterans who will be honored at the Parade include Dick Bailey (Air Force); Richard Born (USAAF); John Hancock (Navy); Hilbert and Howard Margol (US Army); Bill Montgomery (USMC).

PLEASE NOTE: At this time the Veterans Day Parade Committee is seeking volunteers who can transport each of these WW II veterans to and from the Parade on Nov. 8th. If you are able to volunteer and be a transporter, please contact Veterans Day Parade Association Director/Veteran's Outreach Official Dave Hambrick at 770-315-3942 or Association Secretary Cecilia Miller at 404-518-3551

>>> **(NEW) 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.

>>> **(NEW) RECOMMENDED WW II and WW I MOVIES** - from member Greg McClellan – *The Boys From Brazil* – 1978 Movie starring Gregory Peck, James Mason and Laurence Olivier / Drama-Suspense-WWII Subject Matter / *A Midnight Clear* – 1991 Movie starring Ethan Hawke, Gary Sinise and Kevin Dillon – Action – WW II Subject Matter/ *Escape From Sobibor* – 1987 Movie Starring Alan Arkin and Rutger Hauer – Drama – WW II - Death Camp Subject Matter / *The Lost Battalion* – 2001 Movie starring Rick Schroder – Drama – WW I Subject Matter.

>>> **(NEW) - SPECIAL 1160AM RADIO INTERVIEW** - Round Table member Greg McClelland was featured on News Radio 1160AM on Sunday, September 28th at 5:30 PM and Sunday, October 5th at 5:30 PM. As some of you know Greg is a 20-year student and authority on the German Resistance during WW II. Commander Weinstein had extended a open-invitation to 1160AM Radio Station Manager Jeff Davis to be a special guest of the Round Table at a upcoming meeting.

>>> **(UPDATED) UPCOMING SPEAKERS for – OCT. – DEC. 2014** - New Program chairman Peter (Pete) Mecca, Jr. will be taking the baton from Larry Robert and serving as the Round Table Program Chairman for our 2014-2015 Campaign. Larry Robert's service was exemplary and provided the Round Table with several new and memorable speakers. Larry has accepted new responsibilities with his employer and will be traveling more then usual, but will still be able to attend most of the meetings. Thank-You Larry for the wonderful legacy of speakers you provided us.

Pete comes to us as with a background as a reporter for the AJC; he is a veteran as well and has lined-up some impressive speakers: **Oct. 16th – Pat Buchanan (Former Green Beret/28 Years Service)**; Nov. 20th – Carol Cain (Known Statewide as Rosie-The-Riveter); Dec. 18th – Joe Kirby (Award winning Author-Books On The Lockheed Plant during WW II). 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 QUOTE:

Dear Lord, Thank you for giving me the strength and the conviction to complete the task you entrusted to me. Thank you for guiding me straight and true through the many obstacles in my path. And for keeping me resolute when all around seemed lost. Thank you for your protection and your many signs along the way. Thank you for any good that I may have done, I'm so sorry about the bad. Thank you for the friends I made. Please watch over them as you watched over me. Thank you for finally allowing me to rest. I'm so very tired, but I go now to my rest at peace. I fought the good fight, I finished the race, I kept the faith

Last prayer of **Eli** in the movie *Book of Eli* (2010)