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Date: APRIL 16th, 2015 (THURSDAY) >>>> *Next Meeting MAY 21st*

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: Sally Levine

Subject: “Commision On The Holocaust-Preserving The History”

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 then 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 March 19th Meeting: ± 94))

Speaker for APRIL 16th, 2015–Sally Levine - (To Be Introduced By Dep. Cdr. Pete Mecca)

The APRIL 16th, 2015 (THURSDAY) Meeting of the Atlanta WW II Round Table will feature Sally N. Levine as our speaker. Ms. Levine is the Executive Director of the Georgia Commission on the Holocaust., non-partisan State agency administratively attached to the Secretary of State.

Established in 1986 by executive order, the Commission is chartered to educate the citizens and visitors to Georgia about the consequences of hate, prejudice and discrimination by teaching the lessons of the Holocaust. The Commission was upgraded to a permanent State agency in 1998 by act of the Georgia General Assembly (House Bill 1664) and now consists of 15 members appointed equally by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House.

Ms. Levine directs the Commission in fulfilling its educational initiatives and mandate throughout the State of Georgia, with one of its primary sponsorships being the Anne Frank In The World: 1929-1945 Exhibit. This exhibit is on loan from the Anne Frank Center USA and has been shown throughout Georgia.

Sally comes to the position as Director after 20 years as a classroom teacher and Social Studies department coordinator. She joined the Commission from the Breman Museum in Atlanta. Sally also currently serves as a Regional Educator for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

Ms. Levine holds a B.A. in English from Queens College of the City University of New York and a M.S. in Education from Russell Sage College. She has completed her Museum Teacher Fellowship from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 2003 and has participated in educational travel trips to study in Poland with Holocaust educators sponsored by the Polish Embassy in Washington, D.C. as well as a trips to London and most recently to Ukraine to attend seminars at the new Museum of History of the Polish Jews, located in Warsaw, Poland.

Please welcome Ms. Sally Levine as our **APRIL 16th, 2015** speaker (288th Meeting.)

Review Of March 19th, 2015 Speaker- Kathleen Eidson (Introduced by Dep. Cdr. Pete Mecca)

Kathleen Eidson, our March 19th, 2015 speaker, gave us a magnificent presentation on what it was like to be a Lady Marine during WW II. Ms. Eidson reminded us that “of all the Nation’s wars, perhaps none had the total effect on the evolution of women in both military and industrial life, then WW II.” It was a time when the images of G.I. Janes and Rosie-The-Riveters became National Icons.

Although women in all the services were called to duty to ‘free a man to fight’, they were still limited to join the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps for the duration of the war and could only serve Stateside and in Hawaii.

Kathleen considers herself fortunate to have begun her service in the Marine Corps at Camp Lejeune, NC as a Paymaster due to her financial background, her other option might have been Camp Pendleton which was the only other training facility for women in service to go through Boot Camp. She transitioned to Military life and eventually learned to live by a timetable, with the bugle-sounding reveille and sleeping in bunk beds. She soon learned to like Military chow, **CONTINUED ON BACK**

and took on training assignments with enthusiasm like latrine duty and extra police duty. The Military disciplined her well and she was trained in hand-to-hand combat as well as in the use of some small arms and weapons. She qualified as a USMC-WR (US Marine Corps-Woman-Reserve) after Boot Camp.

Despite the Commandant of the Marine Corps declaring there would be acronyms for women in the Marine Corps, that if anything, they should be known as a WR's (*Women-Reserves*), they soon became known as *BAMS*. The women preferred to think of themselves as *Beautiful-American-Marines*, however the acronym stuck as *Broad-Assed-Marines*. When used, the *WR* acronym to some meant *Wide-Rears*.

Despite being few in numbers early in the war, it was thought that possibly 500 women would enlist and become officers with 1000 or 1500 enlisting. Within 30 months after women started to enlist, over 18,000 had signed up for the various services.

Corporal Eidson was discharged in June 1946 and has a permanent affiliation with the *Women Marine Association*. She has addressed the Georgia Legislature, continues to sing with the *Lady Marines Glee Club* called the '*Sometime Singers*', and continues to present programs at retirement centers, AARP groups, and Civic Organizations.

After being mustered-out of the USMC, Kathleen continued with a career in finance, working in the banking industry and finally as Comptroller for the Latham Time Corporation where she retired after 37 years as the VP of Finance. She continues to live by the creed, 'Once a Marine, always a Marine.'

Thank-You Ms. Eidson for your service in the Marine Corps, for being a shining example of a BAM (whoops make that a WR,) 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 our March 19th, 2015 Meeting.

WW II Veteran Charles L. Fallis— Charles served in the US Navy on board the U.S.S. Grimes, APA 172 in the Pacific. He was a Signalman and fought at Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

Vietnam Veteran Richard (Rick) Heneghan— Served in Vietnam 1968-69 and 1970-71 in the Army Corps of Engineers.

Please welcome Tom, Charles and Rick as our newest members at the April 16th, 2015 Meeting.


SPECIAL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS / OF SPECIAL INTEREST & UPCOMING EVENTS

>>> **(REMINDER) 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@witnesswar.org and Martin's: seb@witnesswar.org or by calling Emily at 770-481-3018.

>>> **(REMINDER) APRIL 14th, 2015 (TUESDAY) – 7th HONOR AIR FLIGHT** – For this Flight the *Roswell Rotary Club* is inviting WW II, and Korean Veterans to apply. This is again a day-trip to the Washington, D.C. Veterans Memorials and Arlington National Cemetery; as many wheelchairs will be provided as needed. Please contact Pat DiGeorge for additional information and an application at 770-605-5725 or email her at pdigeorge@gmail.com.

>>> **(REMINDER) APRIL 18th-19th, 2015 (SATURDAY & SUNDAY) – COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE (CAF) 12th ANNUAL WW II HERITAGE DAYS- 70th ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WW II.** Location is Atlanta Regional Airport (*Falcon Field*), 1200 Echo Court, Peachtree City, GA. This annual *Commemorative Air Force (CAF)* event is hosted by over 250 volunteers and attended by +2500 people. Tables are available at no cost to non-profits. The event is family-friendly with FREE admission. The event this year will commemorate and recognize the 70th Anniversary of the end of WW II. The CAF is attempting to bring in the *B-24 Diamond Lil* and hopes to raise enough funds to fly the B-24 in from Texas (fuel cost alone is over \$5000.00). One of the main events is the *Keep-em Flying Hangar Dinner Dance*, a 1940's-theme hangar dance and fundraising event, which takes place at 6PM-11PM Saturday, April 18th. Tickets to this event are \$ 55.00 per person with VIP tables for 8 available for \$500.00. For additional information on the event, please visit the CAF Website at www.dixiewing.org or call their main phone at (678) 364-1110.

>>> **(NEW) MAY 23rd, 2015 (SATURDAY) – MEET OUR WW II VETERANS EVENT** – *Meet and Greet Veterans of WW II*. This event will be at the *Atlanta History Center*, 130 W. Paces Ferry Rd. NW, Atlanta, GA 30305 **from 10AM – 2PM**. If you are a **WW II veteran** and would like to be an exhibitor please contact Joe Jordan to arrange a table @ 770-432-4565 or via email at joe@joeandjunejordan.com. **WW II veteran exhibitors** will be provided with lunch compliments of *Chick-fil-A*. The event is FREE open to the public.

>>> **(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 – MARCH – JUNE 2015** – Deputy Commander and Program Chairman Pete Mecca has lined-up some impressive speakers for us for our 2015 campaign: February 21st – Annual February Banquet (Saturday) – **April 16th Sally Levine – Commission on the Holocaust**– May 21st - Jesse Beck – Service in WW II/Korea/Vietnam; June 18th – Thomas Kimmel – Grandson of Admiral Kimmel – Commander-in-chief US Pacific Fleet /Pearl Harbor Commander. Please note that the speaker's engagements are subject to change. 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:

“If we bear all this suffering and if there are still Jews left, when it is over, then Jews, instead of being doomed, will be held up as an example.”

— [Anne Frank](#)

“As the Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel warned years ago, to forget a holocaust is to kill twice.”

— [Iris Chang, *The Rape of Nanking*](#)