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Date: DECEMBER 17th, 2015 (THURSDAY) >>>> Next Meeting JAN. 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: \$ 20.00 Per Plate ** NO RESERVATION REQUIRED **

Speaker: Keith Forrest Post

Subject: Kingsbay / St. Marys, Georgia Submarine Museum

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 19th, 2015 Meeting: ± 94))

Speaker for DECEMBER 17th, 2015 – Keith Forrest Post (To Be Introduced By Pete Mecca)

The DECEMBER 17th, 2015 (THURSDAY) Meeting of the Atlanta WW II Round Table will feature the Executive Director of the St. Marys Submarine Museum Keith Forrest Post as our speaker. Keith is the son of TTCM (USCG-Ret) Oakley J. Post and the late Alice M. Post of New Smyrna Beach, FL and was born November 22nd 1959 in Bayshore, New York.

He served in the United States Navy for 22 ½ years from 1981 to 2003. His sea assignments included USS NATHAN HALE (SSBN 623)(GOLD), USS CASIMIR PULASKI (SSBN 633)(BLUE), USS OMAHA (SSN 692) and on the commissioning and BLUE Crew of USS NEBRASKA (SSBN 739).

His shore assignments included duties as the Command Career Counselor for Submarine Base Pearl Harbor, the Lead Sonarman at the SP-205 Arduous Sea Duty Detachment Cape Canaveral, FL, Manager of the SSBN Security Program and Sonar Evaluation Program at DIRSSP, and his final assignment at Strategic Systems Programs Headquarters in Washington, DC as the Force Career Counselor where he retired from active duty on 30 September 2003.

Since leaving the Navy Keith has immersed himself in his adopted community of St Marys, Georgia. He obtained his Real Estate License in July of 2004 and was a licensed REALTOR until November 2012. He has served as President of the Camden-Kings Bay Council of the Navy League from June 2007 to June 2010 and now serves as Georgia Area President of the Navy League. In that position he also serves as a Director on the Navy League National Board.

In 2008 Keith was Co-Chair for Logistics of the USS GEORGIA (SSGN 729). In June 2010, he was awarded the Navy League Scroll of Honor for his three year service as Council President of the Camden-Kings Bay Council, and in October 2010 at the Navy League National Convention in Jacksonville, Florida, he was awarded the Navy Meritorious Public Service Medal by Admiral Gary Roughhead, Chief of Naval Operations, and the Coast Guard Distinguished Public Service Medal by RADM William Baumgartner for the Commandant of the Coast Guard, Admiral Robert Papp.

He resides in the center of St Marys, not far from the Kings Bay Submarine Base. In November of 2009 he was elected by the citizens of his adopted community and served as a City Councilman from Jan 2010 to December 2013. On October 1, 2010 Keith took over the operations of the St. Marys Submarine Museum as Interim Manager following the sudden death of longtime Museum Manager John Crouse, and was appointed by the Board of Directors as Executive Director of the St Marys Submarine Museum in January 2011 and continues to serve in that capacity today.

Please welcome Keith Forrest Post as our DECEMBER 17th, 2015 speaker (294th Meeting.)

Review Of NOVEMBER 19th, 2015 Speaker- Colonel Doctor Sam Holliday (Introduced by Commander Pete Mecca)

Dr. Colonel Sam Holliday, our NOVEMBER 19th, 2015 speaker, began his presentation by reminding us that WW II did not necessarily begin with the German invasion of Poland in 1939 or the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941 and didn't end with the German surrender in Europe in May 1945 or the Japanese surrender in August 1945. What Holliday was alluding to was what he called the four (4) ripple-affects that were the result of WW II

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that lasted for many years after the War ended. In addition to *Marshall Josip Broz "Tito" Josip Broz "Tito"* unifying Yugoslavia, a bloody Greek Civil War erupted and was fought from 1946–49 between the Greek government army—backed by Great Britain and the United States—and the Democratic Army of Greece (DSE), the military branch of the Greek Communist Party (KKE), backed by Yugoslavia and Albania as well as Bulgaria.

Another ripple affect of WW II was the U.S. alliance with *Ho Chi Minh* or 'Uncle Ho', who helped found the Indochinese Communist Party in 1930 and the League for the Independence of Vietnam, or Viet Minh, in 1941. During WW II he ruthlessly fought the Japanese and at World War II's end, Viet Minh forces seized the northern Vietnamese city of Hanoi and declared a Democratic State of Vietnam (or North Vietnam) with Ho as president. The U.S. would later denounce 'Uncle Ho' and provide economic support of the French in Vietnam.

Dr. Holliday followed up with what he said was the 3rd ripple affect of WW II in central Europe with the formation of the *North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)* to provide some security to central European countries in the aftermath of WW II and the development of *The Marshall Plan* to provide economic support to principally Germany and Austria.

Colonel Holliday concluded his presentation with how the 4th ripple affect of WW II influenced the western world. That was the *Korean War* and the cultural changes that swept over the western world throughout the 1950's, 60's and 70's. Certainly many of these cultural changes were fed by fears of the possibility of mass extermination by Atomic or Nuclear weapons possessed by both the U.S. and Russia, but also by the baby-boom generation who became the teens and young adults in the years after WW II, bringing on Rock-N-Roll, the sexual revolution, and the list goes on.

Thank-You Colonel Doctor Sam Holliday for your outstanding presentation to the Round Table on November 19th on the after-affects of WW II, your dedication and love of Preserving History and for a job well done.

I am pleased to announce that we have one (1) new member who has joined us since the November 19th meeting:

Korea & Vietnam Veteran Cedric C. Gifford – Cedric served in Korea with the 1st Marine Division and in Vietnam from 1967-1968 with the 3rd Military Police Battalion.

Please welcome Cedric as our newest member at the December 17th, 2015 meeting.

SPECIAL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS / OF SPECIAL INTEREST & UPCOMING EVENTS

>>> ***(NEW) – URGENT DUES NOTICE*** – Finance Office Jay Lenny is requesting that all members in arrears of their 2015-2016 Dues to please remit them as soon as possible. If you are unsure whether you are current on your Dues please contact Finance Officer Lenny at 678-288-9175 / email: jmlrct107@aol.com, or Adjutant John Kovach at 770-928-4579 / email: jkovach2000@yahoo.com. Dues payments should be made-out to The Atlanta WW II Round Table and mailed to Jay at 4115 South Lee St., Unit 51, Buford, GA 30518-8009. Please pay any Dues in-arrears by no later then December 31st, 2015.

>>> ***(NEW) – FEBRUARY BANQUET 2016 – EARLY NOTICE AND REMINDER*** – Next Years 2016 *FEBRUARY BANQUET* will be on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20th at the Petite Auberge Restaurant. ***A Banquet Reservation and Payment Form*** has been included with your DECEMBER 17th Newsletter. Please note on the Reservation Form your choice of meal(s) and send the appropriate payment for your meal(s) (\$30.00/Meal) to Finance Officer Jay Lenny. The entertainment for the Banquet will be someone many of you are familiar with, Carol Cain. Those who attended the November 2014 meeting will certainly remember Carol for her outstanding portrayal of *Rosie-The-Riveter*. At the 2016 Banquet, Carol will be giving the Round Table a completely different portrayal of another famous cultural icon, which promises to delight all that attend.

>>> ***(REMINDER) IMMEDIATE - WITNESS-TO-WAR ORGANIZATION AND ATLANTA WW II ROUND TABLE*** – I am pleased to announce that the *Witness-To-War. Org* 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 now be recording the Round Table meetings. 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.

>>> ***(REMINDER) – SWEET BRIAR COLLEGE – LECTURES - MARCHING THROUGH 20th CENTURY HISTORY: FROM STALINGRAD TO NAGASAKI*** – The 2016 Lecture Series is the 2nd that has been presented by *The Atlanta History Center*. Time of the meetings is Wednesday afternoons 12:45PM- 3:00PM / location is *The McElreath Hall Auditorium* of the Atlanta History Center, 130 West Paces Ferry Rd., Atlanta, GA 30305. The 2016 Lectures include presentations from several well-known authors and scholars including Dr. Janek Wasserman; author and attorney Jonathan Jordan; Dr. Matthew Payne and Dr. Patrick Allitt. Please make your reservation(s) as soon as possible. Single Lectures are \$25 / Entire Series is \$95. For additional information on the Lecture Series please contact Louise J. Geddes at 404-452-7471 or Camille Yow at 404-237-6054.

>>> ***(REMINDER) SENIOR CHAPLAIN NOTICE - ALL FUTURE MEETINGS THROUGH JUNE 2016*** – Pat Buchanan has accepted the position as *Interim Senior Chaplain* until June 2016 at which time the RT will elect a Senior Chaplain for the 2016-2017 campaign. Chaplin Buchanan would like to be informed of any member who is ill or incapacitated and he will also attempt to keep in-touch with the families of seriously ill members. Pat can be reached at 678-772-2494 or via email at lynnbchn@charter.net

>>> ***(UPDATED) UPCOMING SPEAKERS for – OCTOBER 2015 - DECEMBER 2015*** – Deputy Commander and Program Chairman Pete Mecca has lined-up some impressive speakers for us for our 2015 campaign: – ***December 17th – Keith Post – WW II Submarines (Curator / Kings Bay Naval Base Museum – Kings Bay, GA)***. 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 Quote:

"When I assumed command of the Pacific Fleet in 31 December, 1941; our submarines were already operating against the enemy, the only units of the Fleet that could come to grips with the Japanese for months to come. It was to the Submarine Force that I looked to carry the load until our great industrial activity could produce the weapons we so sorely needed to carry the war to the enemy. It is to the everlasting honor and glory of our submarine personnel that they never failed us in our days of peril."

Fleet Admiral ***Chester William Nimitz*** (24 February 1885 – 20 February 1966) Foreword, in *United States Submarine Operations in World War II*. (1949) by Theodore Roscoe, p. v