Date: JANUARY 15th, 2015 (THURSDAY)  >> Next Meeting FEB. 21st (SAT.)  
Time: Social Half-Hour: 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM > MEETING START
TIME 11:30 AM - Speaker Immediately Following Lunch

** PETTITE AUBERGE RESTAURANT  
2935 N. Druid Hills Road.  Web Site: www.pettiteauberge.com  
Atlanta, Georgia 30329 (Restaurant Phone: 404-634-6268)

Price: $ 15.00 Per Plate  ** NO RESERVATION REQUIRED  

Speaker: Herb Smith

Subject: “Tomb of The Unknown Soldier-Sentinel & Relief Commander”

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 humans and material - that was paid by our nation for the preservation of liberty in the United States and the world

((Meeting Attendance For The December 18th Meeting: ± 94))
I am pleased to announce that we have one (1) new member who has joined us since the December 18th Meeting + a Complimentary Membership that will be presented at the January 15th meeting:

U.S. Navy Veteran Harold Southard Jr. – Colin served 6 years in the Air National Guard in North Carolina and Georgia.

Martin Madert – A complimentary Membership will be presented to Martin, our newest member of the Video-Recording Team.

Please welcome Howard and Martin as our newest members at the January 15th, 2015 meeting.

SPECIAL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS / OF SPECIAL INTEREST & UPCOMING EVENTS

>>> (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 Beatty, to offer their video and audio recording services at each of our meetings. Emily Carley or Video Specialist Martin Madert is available to attend our meetings, and in the event one of them is unable to attend, we can offer Videographer Ted Murphy to substitute. 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@witnesstowar.org and Martin’s: seb@witnesstowar.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 Alumni 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 evening 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 pre-addressed envelope enclosed with the December Newsletter. If you did not receive a Reservation Form, please contract Round Table Finance Officer Jay Lenny at 678-288-9175 or Adjutant John Kovach at 770-928-4579.

>>> (NEW) FEBRUARY 21ST, 2015 (SATURDAY) BANQUET RESERVATION FORM – Enclosed with your December Newsletter was a Reservation Form for our Annual February 2015 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 pre-addressed envelope enclosed with the December Newsletter. If you did not receive a Reservation Form, please contract Round Table Finance Officer Jay Lenny at 678-288-9175 or Adjutant John Kovach at 770-928-4579.

>>> (REMEMBER) 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, injured, or by being 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 – JANUARY – MARCH 2015 – Deputy Commander and Program Chairman Pete Mecca has lined-up some impressive speakers for us for our 2015 campaign: 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; March 19th – Lady Marine Kathleen Eidson – Served with the U.S. Navy - Camp Lejeune, NC during WW II. Please note that the speaker’s engagements are subject to change. Thank you again Larry Roberts 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 veteranstorystory@gmail.com.

>>> (NEW) MOVIE REMINDER-From Member Greg McClelland – Greg is recommending WW I and WW II movies that members might enjoy. These are available to watch on YouTube (Free); you can also purchase the DVD at minimal cost from Amazon.com, The Red Baron – WW I Movie starring Matthias Schweighofer, Lena Headey, Til Schweiger and Volker Bruch; Decision Before Dawn – WW II Movie Starring Richard Basehart, Gary Merrill and Oskar Werner; Dresden – WW II Movie starring Benjamin Sadler, John Light and Felicita Woll.

MONTHLY QUOTES:

“This year is to you the beginning of a new year, the old having passed out as it were, from your life, never to return, except possibly in thought, as the memory of its pleasures, its sorrows and cares, and the more engrossing thoughts of family, friends and business come flooding back. Aside from that, it is forgotten, gone; to you a page torn from the yearbook of your life. It is a time to grasp the full meaning of the goal of a life well lived. May you be free from the infestations, diseases and sins of modern life this year and in years to come: The everlasting rush, politics without principles, pleasures without conscience, wealth without work, knowledge without character, industry without morality, science without humanity, worship without sacrifice.”

Life and Teachings of the Masters of the Far East by Baird T. Spalding / Canon Frederick Donaldson