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Date: NOVEMBER 19th, 2015 (THURSDAY) >>>> *Next Meeting DEC. 17th*

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: Doctor Colonel Sam Holliday

Subject: *Lessons Learned – But Not Forgotten - Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan”*

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 OCTOBER 15th, 2015 Meeting: ± 86))

Speaker for NOVEMBER 19th, 2015 – SAM HOLLIDAY (To Be Introduced By Pete Mecca)

The NOVEMBER 19th, 2015 (THURSDAY) Meeting of the Atlanta WW II Round Table will feature veteran, author and historian Colonel Doctor Sam Holliday as our speaker. Sam’s views and commentary are drawn from a 35-year military career including combat as an infantryman in both Korea and Vietnam.

Doc Holliday will expound on ‘lessons learned’ throughout his 35-year military career. The concept of ‘lessons learned’ was drilled into his mind many times; What did we do right; What did we do wrong; How can we do these things better? Holliday has noted in his book “*Forgotten: Ideological Conflicts in Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan*” that quick victory by head-on assault is seldom the Eastern way of war. For example, early in the Korean War, the enemy preferred to infiltrate UN Forces and then establish roadblocks to slaughter the withdrawing ‘friendlies’ and/or instilling fear into the troops by slipping past them in the night and bayoneting them in their sleeping-bags. In Vietnam, the enemy struck at weak points and then withdrew into the jungle when counter-attacked. Sam endeavors to teach the ‘lessons learned’ in Korea and Vietnam and encourages today’s leaders to apply those lessons to our present day struggles.

Holliday insists that it is still difficult for most Americans to grasp why the Korean and Vietnam wars ended as they did and that the essential struggle was between collectivism and individuality, not just the collision of opposing armies. He contends that a similar, if not exact, clash of ideologies is at work in the Middle East with the emergence of a *Third Jihad*. Merely bombing Islamic radical fundamentalists will not suppress these ideologues; Their hatred of “The Great Satan” runs too deep. Throwing money at them is delusional thinking. America must come to grips that the West’s thirst for quick victory by overwhelming firepower will not be quenched in that region.

Holliday is a military intellectual and his counsel is widely sought. He culminated his military service as the Director of Stability Studies at the Army War College.

Please welcome Doctor Colonel Sam Holliday as our NOVEMBER 19th, 2015 speaker (293rd Meeting.)

Review Of OCTOBER 15th, 2015 Speaker- Susan Jimison (Introduced by Commander Pete Mecca)

Susan Clotfelter Jimison, our OCTOBER 15th, 2015 speaker, began her presentation with a letter from her uncle John Donovan. It read in part: “Dear Folks, you must not feel badly about my death. The small part that I have played in the war, though it has cost me my life, I am glad to give. That life has meant much to me, but not so much that I am distressed at leaving, and neither must you be. I had only a few things planned for the future; one of these was a nice home that Momma will live in. A more comfortable home with many flowers and trees. I am happy and so must you be. Love to all, John Jr.”

“*Through The Eyes Of A Tiger – The John Donovan Story – One Of The Original Flying Tigers*” is the record of a 13-year journey of discovery that began in a old scrapbook, where the author’s grandmother had kept a copy of this handwritten letter from her nephew John.

In 1941, the *The First American Volunteer Group (AVG)* of the Chinese Air Force, **CONTINUED ON BACK**

composed of pilots from the United States Army Air Corps (USACC), the US Navy and the Marine Corps were recruited under Presidential authority. This small group was largely the creation of General Claire Lee Chennault and co-founder William D. Pawley and became better known as *The Flying Tigers*. The shark-faced nose of the Flying Tigers aircraft (P40's) remains among the most recognizable images of any aircraft or combat unit of WW II. The Tigers successfully battled the Japanese in the sky under the skillful command of Chennault. Their small cadre of trained fighter pilots went to China determined to fight the Japanese who had already brutally killed over a million men, women and children. They wore American uniforms but Chinese insignia.

Susan reminded us that the Chinese have not forgotten the sacrifices of the Americans that fought to protect them from the Japanese and to this day maintain four (4) museums dedicated to the memory of the *Flying Tigers*.

Thank-You Susan Jimison for your dedication in bringing this story of the *Flying Tigers* to us, for sharing with us your love of Preserving History on October 15th, and for a job well done.

I am pleased to announce that we have three (3) new members who have joined us since the October 15th meeting:

WW II Veteran Paul A. Koshewa – Paul served in the Army Air Corps/USAF with the 15th Air Force as a Navigator on a B-24 Liberator Bomber. He was recalled to active duty during the Korean War and flew a total of 81 combat missions during WW II and Korea. Paul also served during the Vietnam War in the Air Force Reserve.

Vietnam Veteran Bob Bailey - Bob served with the Naval Air Seaplane Squadron – Regimental Division in the Coco Panama to Argenia, Newfoundland Theater patrolling the Eastern coast of the U.S. sighting Russian Submarines from 1951-1953.

Patrick Waldron – Patrick is retired from the U.S. Civil Service and is interested in ETA Air War and the Pacific Theater Naval War.

Please welcome Paul, Bob and Patrick as our newest members at the November 19th, 2015 meeting.

SPECIAL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS / OF SPECIAL INTEREST & UPCOMING EVENTS

>>> **(REMINDER) – PETITE AUBERGE LUNCH PRICE INCREASE** – Please note that beginning with the September 17th meeting the lunch cost to members and guests will be \$20. Members are asked to understand that Anthony and Michael, the owners of the Petite, have withheld any price increase to our meals since 2011 but were recently forced to institute this change.

>>> **(REMINDER) - FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ATLANTA WW II ROUND TABLE** – A Thank-You goes out to individual members and organizations that provided financial contributions and donations to the Round Table during our annual dues collections. Along with the individual donations, *The Insight Sourcing Group (Witness-To-War. Org.)* (CEO Tom Beaty), contributed \$500 in memory of WW II Veteran Carl Beck.

>>> **(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) – 63rd ANNUAL MILITARY APPRECIATION LUNCHEON – NOVEMBER 16th (MONDAY) – Cobb Galleria Centre** – Georgia Congressman Mac Thornberry will be a featured speaker at this event. For more information on the event, contact Katie Guice at kguice@cobbchamber.org or 770-859-2334. For sponsorship opportunities, contact Tiffany Dollar Harworth at tdollar@cobbchamber.org or 770-859-2337.

>>> **(NEW) – 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; Dr. Patrick Allitt; and Dr. John Steinberg. Reservations should be in by November 15th, 2015. 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-

>>> **(NEW 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. Chaplain Buchanan has requested that members contact him anytime to inform and update him on any member who is ill, infirmed at home, hospitalized or unable to attend regular meetings due to health issues. Chaplin Buchanan 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. 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: February 21st – Annual February Banquet (Saturday) – **NOV. 19th – Doctor Colonel Sam Holliday – Author & Historian**; 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:

"4-Star General Jacob Devers was the most important World War II general you never heard of. "He was one of the most underrated American generals of the 20th century" He was capable and decisive, a technological innovator who modernized the tank force and had a knack for managing enormous organizations. He was second only to Eisenhower in his knack for getting along with foreign allies, a priceless gift in coalition warfare. Devers' lesson is that leaders need to adapt to those they serve."

Rick Atkinson, author of