



THE ATLANTA WORLD WAR II ROUND TABLE

PRESERVING HISTORY

INTERNET: <http://www.atlantawwiroundtable.org>

VOL. 30 No. 2

292nd MEETING

Editor: John E. Kovach

Tel: (770) 928-4579

Contributor(s) To This

Newsletter

* Susan Jimison

* Senator Hunter Hill

* Pete Mecca / Jerry Colley

* Bob Rivers / Jay Lenny

* Emily Carley / Martin Madert

Elected Officers 2015-2016

Commander – Pete Mecca

Tel: 770-354-9697

Deputy Commander – Deborah

Lindsay; Tel: 770-426-7545

Adjutant – John Kovach

Finance Officer- Jay Lenny

Dep. Finance Ofc: Guy Condra

Sgt.-at-Arms – Bob Rivers (Capt.)

Sgt.-at-Arms - Bill Shepherd

Sgt.-at-Arms – Mike Koesters

Sr. Chaplain - Carl Espy

Chaplain Emeritus - Harold A. Dye

Asst. Chaplain - Elaine Rivers

APPOINTMENTS 2015-2016

Hank Frampton - Asst. Commander

Joe Jordan - Aide-to-Commander(s)

Date: OCTOBER 15th, 2015 (THURSDAY) >>>> Next Meeting NOV. 19

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: Susan Jimison

Subject: “*Through The Eyes Of A Tiger - The John Donovan Story- One Of Original Flying Tigers*”

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 SEPTEMBER 17th, 2015 Meeting: ± 95))

Speaker for OCTOBER 15th, 2015– - Susan Jimison (To Be Introduced By Pete Mecca)

The OCTOBER 15th, 2015 (THURSDAY) Meeting of the Atlanta WW II Round Table will feature author Susan Jimison as our speaker. Susan is the well known author of “*Through The Eyes Of A Tiger – The John Donovan Story – One Of The Original Flying Tigers*”

Through The Eyes Of A Tiger 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 a handwritten letter from her nephew that began, “*Dear folks, do not feel sad about my death...*”

Many of you will recall that in 1941, the *The First American Volunteer Group (AVG)* of the Chinese Air Force, 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.

Ms. Jimison will tell us the story of one member of the original *Flying Tigers*, John Donovan. Through his letters, in his words, you will travel the seas to Burma, experience the pitfalls of training and what it was like to see the “big red circle” on a Japanese fighter plane up close. From Florida’s Pensacola Naval Air Station to the Hanoi airfield where John was shot down, Susan will take us on a flight back in time— one you won’t soon forget.

Please welcome Susan Jimison as our **OCTOBER 15th, 2015** speaker (292nd Meeting.)

Review Of SEPTEMBER 17th, 2015 Speaker- State Senator Hunter Hill (Introduced by Commander Pete Mecca)

Senator Hunter Hill, our SEPTEMBER 17th, 2015 speaker, poignantly began his presentation with a quote from Winston Churchill, made in 1940 in preparation of the expected German invasion “*Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few.*”

Through Churchill’s words, the Senator was of course referring to the Greatest Generation’s leadership role in confronting Hitler and his forces in Europe. It was Hunter’s interest in leadership that led him to attend and graduate from the United States Military Academy at West Point with a Bachelor of Science degree in General Management and Civil Engineering. Sen. Hill became a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army. He went on to graduate from the Airborne, Air Assault, and US Army Ranger Schools. In June 2001, Hunter took command of a rifle platoon with the 101st Airborne Division, which he led into battle in Afghanistan in 2002. Sen. Hill subsequently led another platoon into battle in Iraq in 2003, and he commanded three different teams on other deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan. In addition to his combat roles, he also served as a General’s Aide in Iraq, and earned two Bronze Stars, the Meritorious Service Medal and two Army Commendation Medals.

Like his Army career, Sen. Hill’s business and political career is about leadership **CONTINUED ON BACK**

development. In his first year in the Senate, Sen. Hill was voted Freshman Legislator of the year by the Georgia Chamber of Commerce. He was also given a 100% rating from the American Conservative Union. In 2012, Sen. Hill was appointed by his colleagues to serve as the Majority Deputy Whip.

Thank-You Hunter Hill for your service in Iraq and Afghanistan and in the U.S. Senate and for sharing with us your love of Preserving History on September 17th, and for a job well done.

I am pleased to announce that we have one (1) new member who has joined us since the September 17th meeting:

Michael Thomas – Michael is a prior member and hasn't renewed his membership for several years.

Please welcome Michael as our newest member at the October 15th, 2015 meeting.

SPECIAL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS / OF SPECIAL INTEREST & UPCOMING EVENTS

>>> **(NEW) – 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.

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

>>> **(NEW) – ROSIE-THE-RIVETER SOCIAL** – November 3rd (Tuesday) Commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the ending of WW II, 1945-2015 – *The Baker's Dozen Chapter of the American Rosie-The-Riveter Association* invites all Round Table members to a 'Luncheon Social' on Tuesday, November 3rd beginning at 11:30 AM at the Benning Club, 7010 Morrison Ave., Bldg. 128, Ft. Benning 31905. Cost of the Luncheon is \$ 8.95 and they are asking those interested in attending to please **RSVP by October 26 (Monday)**. RSVP to JMC6154@aol.com or via phone to 706-689-0153 or 828-230-8724. Carol Cain will be a featured presenter with her *One-Woman Rosie-The-Riveter Show*. Eight (8) Rosie-The-Riveters have confirmed that they will attend along with several WW II veterans from the CBI Theater, *5407th Composite Unit Provisional (CUP)*; a veteran of *624th MP Co.*; a *Flying Tiger*; and the youngest *Tuskegee Airman*. Columbus City Mayor Jerry 'Pops' Barnes will also make a special presentation at the Social.

>>> **(NEW) – THE WALL THAT HEALS – PEMBERTON PLACE (Adjacent To The World of Coca-Cola) NOVEMBER 5-8, 2015** – This is a 250 Ft. replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial along with a *Mobile Education Center (MEC)* that will be coming to Atlanta. The Wall honors more than 3 million Americans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during the Vietnam War and bears the names of more than 58,000 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam. This event is will be open and FREE to the public November 5-8 (Thursday-Sunday).

>>> **(NEW) – VETERANS DAY - NOVEMBER 11th (SUNDAY)** – Veterans Day – The Atlanta WW II Round Table Will NOT directly participate in this years Veterans Day Parade.

>>> **(NEW) – 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.

>>> **(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 – 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) – Oct. 15th – Susan Jimison – Author Of "Through The Eyes Of A Tiger – The Story of John Donovan – One of the Original Flying Tigers" – ; Nov. 19th – 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:

On 13th April, 1941, Roosevelt signed a secret executive order authorizing the *American Volunteer Group (AVG)* to recruit reserve officers from the army, navy and marines. Co-Founder of the AVG, William D. Pawley, suggested that the men should be recruited as "Flying Instructors". In July, 1941, ten pilots and 150 mechanics were supplied with fake passports and sailed from San Francisco for Rangoon. When they arrived they were told that they were really involved in a secret war against Japan. To compensate for the risks involved, the pilots were to be paid \$600 a month (\$675 for a patrol leader). In addition, they were to receive \$500 for every enemy plane they shot down.

CHENNAULT, Claire Lee Papers (1942-1945)