



THE ATLANTA WORLD WAR II ROUND TABLE

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Date: FEBRUARY 20th, 2016 (SATURDAY) >>>> *Next Meeting MAR. 17th*

Time: Social Hour: 11:00 AM – 12:00 NOON > MEETING START TIME 12:00 NOON - 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: \$ 30.00 Per Plate ** RESERVATION REQUIRED **

Speaker: Carol Cain

Subject: "Captain Nancy Morgan and the Nancy Hart Militia: Courage in Hoop Skirts"

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 JANUARY 21st, 2016 Meeting: ± 74))

Speaker for FEBRUARY 20th, 2016 – Carol Cain (To Be Introduced By Commander Mecca)

The FEBRUARY 20th, 2016 (SATURDAY) BANQUET Meeting of the Atlanta WW II Round Table will feature **Carol Cain** as our speaker. Carol is a native of Hogansville, GA. She is a National Board Certified teacher with 29 years' experience teaching language and theatre arts in the Troup County School System.

For the past 20 years, Carol has performed as *Rosie-The-Riveter* at the *Little White House* in Warm Springs, GA and other locations throughout the Southeast and Nationally. As Rosie, Carol tells the story of women workers on the home-front during WW II.

At the February Banquet Carol will be portraying *Captain Nancy Morgan* in "*Captain Nancy Morgan and the Nancy Hart Militia: Courage in Hoop Skirts*". She will come dressed as *Captain Morgan* and will be telling the story of a female militia formed in LaGrange, Georgia during the Civil War. These women drilled weekly and prepared to defend the city. They had a fateful encounter with Union troops in April 1865. Carol portrayed Captain Nancy Morgan in a documentary called "*The Nancy Hart Militia: Women of Uncommon Courage*" which aired this past spring and summer on Georgia Public Broadcasting.

Ms. Cain resides in LaGrange, GA with her husband Kevin. Carol is a cum laude graduate of LaGrange College with a double-major in English, Speech and Drama. She and her husband are proud parents of two children, Cory and Katie, both graduates of Georgia College and the State University of Milledgeville.

Please welcome Carol Cain as our FEBRUARY 20th, 2016 speaker (296th Meeting.)

Speaker for JANUARY 21st, 2016 – Major Patricia C. Justice (Introduced By Commander Mecca)

The JANUARY 21st, 2016 Meeting of the Atlanta WW II Round Table featured Major Patricia 'Mama-Bear' C. Justice, a Observer, Controllor and Trainer with the 7303rd Medical Training Support Battalion. Major Justice is part of the First Medical Training Brigade at Fort Gordon, Augusta, GA and received her direct commission in 2002 in the Army Nurse Corps as a First Lieutenant.

Major Justice introduced us to the world of the Army Nurse Corps starting with an early detractor of the Nurses Corps, Colonel A.N. Stark. Col. Stark was not in favor of Field-Hospitals in the middle of a battlefield, but he later did a about-face and became a champion to their hard work, devotion and professionalism. By 1920 with the help of both Col. Stark and President Woodrow Wilson, the Army Personnel Roster changed the status of Army Nurses by giving them relative rank, thus changing and no longer listing officers, enlisted men, mules and lastly nurses. The nurses finally superceded the long-suffering animal.

The Army Nurse Corps grew from a meager 672 in 1939 to over 5400 by 1941. With the attack on Pearl Harbor nurses were sent all over the world and when the Phillipine Islands were attacked by the Japanese, the nurses had to evacuate the hospitals and take refuge on Corregidor, some becoming the first POW's of WW II. The death of nurses by direct enemy fire became a poignant and often-silent statistic, with over 201 women of the Army Nurse Corps killed, 6 alone during the bloody

Battle of Anzio. The Japanese and the Germans it seemed almost delighted in strafing

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and bombing any building or tent with a 'Red-Cross' painted on it. Patricia noted that as a result of this debacle during WW II and other conflicts, Army Field-Hospitals and tents no longer have the 'Red-Cross' painted on them.

Major Justice brought us up-to-date with the current state of the Army Nurse Corps, where she served and was commissioned a Major and was assigned to the 3297th U.S. Army Hospital, Fort Gordon, GA in the Surgical and Healthcare Services area. She served as the Assistant Training Officer (S-3) for the Battalion and was then mobilized and transferred to the Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston, TX in support of the Iraqi/Afghanistan campaigns as a Trauma-Surgical Nurse. This led to a transfer out of the 3297th where she became Chief of Charlie Company for the 490th Civil Affairs Battalion in Dallas, TX. In 2010 she transferred into the 628th Forward Surgical Team from Sam Houston, TX and was deployed to Afghanistan for 12 months as Officer In Charge of the Operating Room.. She began her current position as Observer/Controller-Trainer for the 7303rd Medical Support Battalion where she validates Medical and Hospital units in healthcare services before they deploy to battle areas around the world.

Patricia's military awards and decorations are too many to list but include the Purple Heart, Army Medal with 2 OLC's; Army Achievement Medal with 2 OLC's; Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with 3rd Award, National Defense Service Medal; Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Bronze Star Device; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; and NATO Medal. Major Justice lives in Peachtree City, GA with husband Rod and their miniature Dachshund 'Maggie'. She is currently employed at the Atlanta Medical Center in Atlanta as their Perioperative Educator in the Surgical Services Department.

Thank-You Major Patricia 'Mama-Bear' Justice for a eye-opening, informative and delightful presentation at our January 21st, 2016 meeting, for your outstanding patriotism and courage in combat, for preserving history, and for a job well done. May you have a swift promotion to Lieutenant Colonel.



SPECIAL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS / OF SPECIAL INTEREST & UPCOMING EVENTS

>>> **(REMINDER) – 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 Lenny at **4115 South Lee St., Unit 51, Buford, GA 30518-8009**.

>>> **(FINAL REMINDER) – FEBRUARY BANQUET 2016 – FINAL NOTICE AND REMINDER** – Please send in your Reservation Form for the February 20th (Saturday), 2016 Banquet to Finance Officer Jay Lenny asap. The cut-off date for Reservations is Wednesday, February 17th. Indicate on the Reservation your choice of meal(s) and send Jay a check for \$30.00 per meal to: Jay Lenny, 4115 South Lee St., Unit 51, Buford, GA 30518-8009.


Jay can also be reached by phone at 678-288-9175 or via email at jmlrct107@aol.com. You can also contact Adjutant John Kovach by phone at 770-928-4579 or email at jkovach2000@yahoo.com should you need a Reservation Form to be sent in for you.

Our guest speaker will be none other than **Carol Cain**. Members who attended the November 2014 meeting will recall Carol's wonderful Presentation on *Rosie-The-Riveter*. On February 20th, Carol will be portraying Captain Nancy Morgan in "*Captain Nancy Morgan and the Nancy Hart Militia: Courage in Hoop Skirts*". Carol portrayed Captain Nancy Morgan in a documentary called "*The Nancy Hart Militia: Women of Uncommon Courage*" which aired this past spring and summer on Georgia Public Broadcasting. Please note that cancellations and refunds for existing reservations will be allowed up until Wed. February 17th.

>>> **(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) 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 – FEBRUARY 2016 - JUNE 2016** – Commander & Program Chairman Pete Mecca, with the assistance of Deputy Commander Deborah Lindsay, have lined-up some impressive speakers for us for our 2016 campaign: February 20th **Banquet – Carol Cain – "The Nancy Hart Militia: Women of Uncommon Courage"**; March 17th – WW II Veterans Albert McMahan (B-17 Tail-Gunner) & Henry Hughey (Ball-Turret Gunner) – Colonel Brent Bracewell to Assist; April 21st – President Franklin Delano Roosevelt; May 19th – Tom Kimmel; June 16th – *Bataan Death March* Survivor (details to be announced.) Please note that the speaker's engagements are subject to change. Thank-You Pete and Deborah 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 or Deborah relative to a qualified Speaker, please contact Pete at 770-354-9697 or via email at aveteransstory@gmail.com /or Deborah at 770-426-7545 or via email at dgl Dover@comcast.net



Monthly Quote:

"The U.S. tax system has been aptly described as a "kludge", a programmer's term for software that's been amended and modified so many times that it's lost coherence and no longer performs efficiently or effectively. But because it's the basis for so many other essential systems, a "kludge" is indispensable and difficult to change without massive disruption and cooperation by a wide variety of citizens, politicians and officials with differing and conflicting interests".

"The U.S. tax system is the ultimate" kludge". It's like one of those old cartoons by Rube Goldberg, where some simple task — say, pouring a cup of coffee — is performed by a multitude of complex maneuvers involving balls rolling down tiny tracks, swinging mechanical arms, pulleys and the odd chicken. It's so complex that even those responsible for its design and implementation, the members of the U.S. Congress, have little idea what's in it".