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Date: JANUARY 21st, 2016 (THURSDAY) >>>> Next Meeting FEB. 20th

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: Major Patricia C. Justice

Subject: Army Surgical Nurses; WWII and Now

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 DECEMBER 17th, 2015 Meeting: ± 95))

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

The JANUARY 21st, 2016 (THURSDAY) Meeting of the Atlanta WW II Round Table will feature Major Patricia C. Justice, a Observer, Controller 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 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 lead 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 earned an Associates of Science Degree from New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell, NM; a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration at Mount St. Mary's College, Los Angeles, CA; Associates Degree in Nursing at Gordon College, Barnesville, GA; and Bachelors Degree in Nursing from Brenau University in Gainesville, GA. She is currently pursuing a Master of Science Nursing Education Degree from Capella University in Minneapolis, MN. She graduated from Officers Basic Course in Fort Sam Houston, TX.

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.

Please welcome Major Patricia Justice as our **JANUARY 21st, 2016** speaker (295th Meeting.)

Review Of DECEMBER 17th, 2015 Speaker- Keith Forrest Post (Introduced by Deputy Commander Lindsay)

Keith Post gave a outstanding presentation to the Round Table on DECEMBER 17th, 2015. Keith is the Executive Director of the *St. Marys Submarine Museum* in Savannah, Georgia.

Keith gave us a brief history of Kingsbay starting with the decision made in May 1979, in which the U.S. Navy selected Kings Bay as its preferred East Coast site for the new *Ohio-Class* Trident submarines. On 23 October 1980, after a one-year environmental impact study was completed, and with Congressional approval, the Secretary of the Navy announced that Kingsbay would be the future home port for the new Trident-missile submarines in the Atlantic Ocean. The decision to base the Trident submarines at Kings Bay started the largest peacetime construction program ever **CONTINUED ON BACK**

undertaken by the U.S. Navy. The program took nine years to complete at a cost of about \$1.3 billion. The building project included the construction of three major commands: *Trident Training Facility (TTF)*, *Trident Refit Facility (TRF)*, and *Strategic Weapons Facility, Atlantic (SWFLANT)*.

Kingsbay became the home of *Submarine Group 10*, and *Submarine Squadrons 16 and 20* as well as the HQ for the *Naval Submarine Support Center*; the *Marine Corps Security Force Battalion*; the *United States Coast Guard (USCG) Maritime Force Protection Unit*; the *Trident Refit Facility* and the *Trident Training Facility*. In addition, Kingsbay is the home port of the *Guided Missile Submarines USS Florida* and *USS Georgia*, and the home port of the *Ballistic Submarines USS Alaska*; *USS Tennessee*; *USS West Virginia*; *USS Maryland*; *USS Rhode Island* and *USS Wyoming*.

Keith continues to serve as *Georgia Area President of the Navy League* and as a *Director on the Navy League National Board*. In 2011 he was appointed *Curator and Director of The St. Marys Submarine Museum*, located in a 5000 square-foot, two-story building at 102 St. Marys St. West in historic downtown St Marys, Georgia. First organized in March 1996, the Museum now offers visitors the opportunity to learn about the *Silent Service* and houses a wide variety of Submarine artifacts and memorabilia. Is dedicated to the Submarines of the United States with some information & items about the Submarine Forces of other Nations. The Museum houses the most modern Submarine Periscope on public display in the United States.

Thank-You Keith for your outstanding presentation to the Round Table on December 17th on the **Kingsbay / St. Marys, Georgia Submarine Museum**, your dedication and love of Preserving History and for a job well done.



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** – This Years 2016 **FEBRUARY BANQUET** will be on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20th at the Petite Auberge Restaurant. **A Banquet Reservation and Payment Form** was included with your DECEMBER 17th Newsletter. Please note on the Reservation Form your choice of meal(s) and send the appropriate payment for all meal(s) (\$30.00/Meal) to Finance Officer Jay Lenny. If you did not receive a Reservation Form, please advise either Jay Lenny or Adjutant John Kovach @ 770-928-4579 Post Haste. 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. Please note that cancellations and refunds for existing reservations will be allowed up until Wednesday, 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) – 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 – JANUARY 2016 - APRIL 2016** – Deputy Commander and Program Chairman Pete Mecca has lined-up some impressive speakers for us for our 2016 campaign: **January 21st – Major Patricia C. Justice – Army Surgical Nurses; WWII and Now**; February 20th Banquet – Carol Cain - Southern Belle; April 21st – President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. 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:

The ancient Spartan melas zomos (μέλας ζωμός), or black soup / black broth, was a staple soup made of boiled pigs' legs, blood, salt and vinegar.^[1] It is thought that the vinegar was used as an emulsifier to keep the blood from clotting during the cooking process. The armies of Sparta mainly ate this. It was not a delicacy, but used for sustenance, the Spartan citizen-soldiers (conscripted & living in barracks from the age of 7 till retirement) had to eat the black broth every day.

According to legend, a man from Sybaris, a city in southern Italy infamous for its luxury and gluttony (which gave rise to the word sybarite), after tasting the Spartans' black soup remarked with disgust, "Now I know why the Spartans do not fear death". In another story, it is said that Dionysius, the tyrant of Syracuse, for the sake of this bought a slave who had been a Spartan cook, and ordered him to prepare the broth for him, sparing no expense; but when the king tasted it he spat it out in disgust; whereupon the cook said, "Your Majesty, it is necessary to have exercised in the Spartan manner, and to have bathed in the Eurotas River, in order to relish this broth."