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((Meeting Attendance For The APRIL 21st, 2016 Meeting: ±95))

Speaker for MAY 19th, 2016-- Thomas Kimmel (To Be Introduced By Commander Mecca)

The MAY: 19th, 2016 (THURSDAY) Meeting of the Atlanta WW II Round Table will feature Thomas Kimmel. Tom is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, a former Special Agent of the FBI and grandson of Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, Commander of the Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor on December 7th, 1941.

Many of you will remember Tom speaking to us on June 18th, 2015 when his topic was “*The Story Within The Pearl Harbor Story.*” Kimmel’s presentation on May 19th will focus on the events of December 6th & 7th, 1941 and will deliberate the efficacy of Dorothy Thompson’s dictum that, “*There is nothing to fear, except the persistent refusal to find out the truth, and the persistent refusal to analyze the causes of happenings.*”

Many of you may know that Dorothy Thompson (1893-1961) was an American broadcast and print journalist, best known for her work as a foreign correspondent and her column “*On the Record*” that appeared in the New York *Herald Tribune* from 1936-1941. She knew Hitler personally and had interviewed him prior to the invasion of Poland. She also knew and was a trusted journalistic source of information to Winston Churchill and other leaders of her time.

Questions remain whether the U.S. Naval Cryptographers cracked the Japanese naval code prior to the attack on Pearl. Did Japanese warships and their Commanding Admirals break radio silence at sea before the attack? If those in Washington did not give the decipher code to anyone at Pearl Harbor, why? No one in the Navy, Army nor any Representative of the State Department on the island of Hawaii had the decipher code-breaking reports. Was this intentional?

Tom, in-part, will re-examine why no one at Pearl Harbor had the code to decipher the Japanese Naval signals that those in Washington were reported to have. Many think Roosevelt, General Marshall and others in Washington deliberately withheld the decipher code from Admiral Kimmel and General Short including master researcher and Pulitzer Prize-winning historian John Toland author of *Infamy: Pearl Harbor and its Aftermath* and author Robert Stinnett, who served in the U.S. Navy with distinction during World War II and Wrote *Day Of Deceit: The Truth About FDR and Pearl Harbor.*

Please welcome back Tom Kimmel as our MAY 19th, 2016 speaker (299th Meeting.)

Speaker Review for APRIL 21st, 2016-- Dr. Hal Raper as President Franklin D. Roosevelt (Introduced By Commander Mecca)

The April 21st, 2016 meeting of the Atlanta WW II Round Table featured Dr. Hal Raper, a professional impersonator of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The President came into the Room walking with crutches and leg-braces accompanied by Assistant Commander Hank Frampton. After his introduction, the President began telling us about his youth and early years.

Born into an aristocratic family on January 30, 1882 Franklin was the only child of James Roosevelt and Sara Delano Roosevelt, both scions of wealthy families. Despite being to-the-manor-born, young Franklin considered himself a man-of-the-people and attended Harvard University to make something himself, and as his famous cousin Teddy Roosevelt was fond of saying, he thereby “*Entered-the-Arena.*”

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Speaker(s): Thomas Kimmel

Subject: “SATURDAY NIGHT AND THERE IS NOTHING TO FEAR”

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**

At Harvard he re-connected with his fifth cousin, Eleanor, married her, and quickly had six (6) children. Anxious to engage in politics, Roosevelt ran for the NY Senate seat in 1910 and won. In 1913 he was chosen as Assistant Secretary of the Navy by President Wilson remaining in this position until he decided to run for Vice-President with Presidential candidate James Cox; They lost to Warren Harding and Calvin Coolidge. Although Roosevelt was stricken with debilitating polio in 1921, which cost him the use of his legs and put his future political career in jeopardy, he remained determined to remain in public service.

Franklin attempted to recover from the illness, and founded the treatment center for people with polio in *Warm Springs, Georgia*. After returning to political life by placing Alfred E. Smith's name into nomination at the 1924 Democratic National Convention, Roosevelt, at Smith's behest, successfully ran for Governor of New York in 1928. In office from 1929 to 1932, he served as a reform governor promoting the enactment of programs to combat the Great Depression besetting the United States at the time.

In 1932, in the depths of the Great Depression, Roosevelt successfully defeated incumbent Republican president Herbert Hoover to win the presidency of the United States, and then serving as the President of the United States from 1933 to 1945. A Democrat, he won a record four presidential elections.

Dr. Raper concluded his presentation by noting that FDR, having been energized by his personal victory over his polio, relied on his persistent optimism and activism to renew the national spirit. One of the Roosevelt's family mottos was one he practiced and followed all his life. *'Life offers no greater reward then working hard at work worth doing'*.

Thank-You President Roosevelt (Dr. Hal Raper) for your excellent portrayal of FDR, for preserving history, and for a job well done.

I am pleased to announce that we have one (1) New Member who has joined us since our April 21st, 2016 Meeting
Howard Silvermintz – Howard is interested in the Holocaust and in the Pacific Theater.

Please welcome Howard our newest member at the MAY 19th, 2016 meeting

SPECIAL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS / OF SPECIAL INTEREST & UPCOMING EVENTS

>>> **(FINAL) TRIP TO THE NATIONAL INFANTRY MUSEUM IN COLUMBUS, GA – MAY 28 (SATURDAY)**

Commander Mecca has confirmed the date with Happy Tours Bus Company: May 28 (Saturday); a charter bus with capacity for 50 people will be at the Petite Auberge at 0730. We leave the Petite at 0800. Arrive at Fort Benning around 1000 to 1015; tour the museum, then leave around 1500 for the return trip. We should be back at the Petite around 1700 to 1800, depending on traffic. The capacity for the bus is 50 people max, so we have to put this on a first come, first served basis. As of May 8th, there were only 10 seats left. **If you haven't sent a email back to Commander Mecca, Jay Lenny, or me. or haven't called Jay Lenny to reserve a spot, please do so immediately. Jay can be reached by email at: jnlrct107@aol.com or by phone at (678) 288-9175. Adjutant Kovach can be reached at 770-928-4579 or via email at jkovach2000@yahoo.com** The bus is being provided courtesy of the Round Table. Those members and guests that select to have lunch at the Museum Restaurant are at liberty to do so at their own expense. The museum has a deli with basic sandwiches and drinks where prices are \$ 12.00/person, as well as two (2) sit-down restaurants at *Patriot Hall* within the Museum with linens and waite-staff where prices \$ 30.00/person. Further discussion about the trip logistics will take place at the May 19th meeting.

>>> **(NEW) AIR FORCE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION - Georgia Chapter - MEETING REMINDER**

The Georgia Chapter of the 8th Air Force Historical Association is meeting at: *PDK Airport* in Chamblee for the *Good Neighbor Day Event May 14th (Saturday)*. This will supercede their regular monthly meeting at Clairmont Place, 2100 Clairmont Lake Decatur. GA, 30033 (Across the street from the VA hospital on Clairmont Road). Please call Brent Bracewell for additional information at 678-416-5749 or email him at brent.bracewell@yahoo.com or email the Organizations Secretary Marc Feit at marcfeit@bellsouth.net to confirm time and date.

>>> **(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 – APRIL 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: **May 19th – Tom Kimmel - "SATURDAY NIGHT AND THERE IS NOTHING TO FEAR"**; **June 16th – Bataan Death March Survivor - Dr. Lester Tenney** (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 petemecca@gmail.com, or Deborah at 770-426-7545 or via email at dgllover@comcast.net.

Monthly Quote:

Dark and sad will be the hour to this nation when it forgets to pay grateful homage to its greatest benefactors. The offering we bring to-day is due alike to the patriot soldiers dead and their noble comrades who still live; for, whether living or dead, whether in time or eternity, the loyal soldiers who imperiled all for country and freedom are one and inseparable.

Excerpt From: Frederick Douglass's Speech Honoring "The Unknown Loyal Dead" at Arlington National Cemetery (May 30, 1871)