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314th **MEETING**

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Date: **DECEMBER 21st, 2017 (THURSDAY)** >> **Next Meeting JAN. 18th**

Time: Social Half-Hour: **10:45 AM – 11:15 AM** > **BUFFET LINE OPENS AT 11:15 AM – MEETING START TIME 11:45 AM – 12:00 NOON**

** **DUNWOODY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (DUMC)**

1548 Mount Vernon Rd, Dunwoody, GA 30338

Website: www.dunwoodyumc.org - **Church Phone: 770-394-0675**

Meal Price: \$ 20.00 (Individual) / \$ 35.00 (Couples) Courtesy Reservation Requested

Speaker: Richard "Rick" Heneghan

Subject: "WW II From A History Teacher's Perspective"

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 November 2017 Meeting: ± 102))

Speaker for DECEMBER 21st, 2017 (3rd THURSDAY)– Rick Heneghan (To Be Introduced By Commander Mecca)

The **DECEMBER 16th, 2017 (3rd THURSDAY)** Meeting of the *Atlanta WW II Round Table* will feature Rick Heneghan as our featured speaker.

Rick Heneghan served with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers in Vietnam in 1968-69 and 1970-71 and is a Lifetime Member of the VFW. Using the GI Bill, he graduated from Rutgers University and has degrees in Industrial Technology and Management Science. He had a 40 + year career in Safety Engineering Management for the Property/Casualty Insurance Industry and worked on the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games.

He has been a Instructor at Senior Enriched Living (SEL) in Roswell, Georgia for the past four (4) years, delivering a series of lectures on WW II history, In SEL he has found an opportunity for his original career ambition: to teach history.

He is a member of the Atlanta WW II Round Table and the Georgia Branch of the Winston Churchill Society.

Please welcome Rick Heneghan as our **DECEMBER 21st, 2017 (3rd Thursday)** speaker (314th Meeting.)

Speaker Review for November 16th, 2017-- Robert Jones (Introduced By Commander Mecca)

The **NOVEMBER 16th, 2017 (3rd THURSDAY)** Meeting of the *Atlanta WW II Round Table* featured Professional Lecturer Robert Jones our speaker.

Commander Mecca introduced Robert and announced some of his credentials. Robert served as President of the Kennesaw Historical Society for 21 years (1994-2015); he also served as a member of the Executive Board of the Kennesaw Museum Foundation for 17 years (1998-2015). The Museum Foundation helped fund the 45,000 square foot *Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History* in Kennesaw, GA. In addition, Robert has written an incredible 45+ books on historical topics, including "*Top Innovations of World War II*", "*A Guide to the Civil War in Georgia*", and "*Heroes and Heroines of the American Revolution*".

Robert elaborated on his topic "*The Top Technological Innovations of WW II*" by telling us about Medical Penicillin, Digital Computers (the German development of the *Z3 Computer*; the British development of the *Colossus Computer* and the American development of the *ENIAC Computer*); Rockets; Jet Airplanes; Nuclear Power and Radar (not to mention some non-technological innovations like Photocopying, the Ballpoint Pen and NesCafe Instant Coffee); and the three (3) main contributors to the U.S. winning WW II through technology, Julius (J Robert) Oppenheimer (Genius Physicist and father of the Atomic Bomb), Enrico Fermi (Genius in Nuclear Physics and Architect of the Atomic Bomb) and Alan Turing (Genius Computer Scientist, Mathematician and Cryptanalyst.)

Make no mistake about it. As one of our esteemed members many years ago, General Harold Dye, used to proclaim, only Divine Providence could bring together Mathematical, Scientific and Computer geniuses like Oppenheimer, Fermi and Turing at the precise time in history to engage with one another for a single purpose.

Thank-You Robert for a wonderful and enlightening presentation, for Preserving History with us on November 16th, and for a job well done.

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SPECIAL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS / OF SPECIAL INTEREST & UPCOMING EVENTS

I am pleased to announce that we have one (1) New Member who has joined us since our November 16th meeting:
WW II Veteran Wendell Galbraith – Wendell flew Combat Missions with the 782 Bomb Squadron – 465th Bomb Group starting in Sept. 1944 over Italy, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Yugoslavia and Greece. On his 24th Mission, after jumping from his burning plane that had been hit by German Anti-Aircraft Flak, he was captured and spent the remainder of the War as a POW.
Please welcome Wendell at our December 21st meeting.

>>> **(NEW) FEBRUARY 15th, 2018 BANQUET NEWS**

As many Round Table Members are aware, there are very few times during our campaigns that the Round Table can ‘give-something-back’ to the membership. The February Banquet is one of those times and it has been decided that for the February 15th, 2018 Banquet, the Round Table will do the following: All Members, *who’s Dues are current*, will have their meals paid for compliments of the Organization. In addition, each Member attending is encouraged to bring a wife, husband, significant other or guest whose meal will also be paid for compliments of the Organization **as long as that Member’s Dues are current**. The Banquet will be on February 15th (3rd Thursday) at the regular meeting time at the Dunwoody United Methodist Church. More news will follow in the January 2018 Newsletter.

<<< **(REMINDER) ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MEMBERS OR GUESTS AT ALL UPCOMING MEETINGS**

As a on-going proclamation, Commander Mecca is requesting the cooperation of all Round Table Members and guests relative to announcements being made at our Meetings. Commander Mecca’s request is as follows:

If any Member or Guest has an announcement they would like to make at an upcoming meeting, they will need to present it to Commander Mecca at least 3 days prior to the Meeting date. This procedure will allow more time for our guest Speaker(s). Members and Guests are encouraged to request permission to make their announcement(s) by emailing or calling Commander Mecca at: (email is petemecca@gmail.com / Tel: 770-354-9697). There will be no exceptions to this on-going initiative. You may also submit your announcement to Adjutant Kovach to be placed in an upcoming Newsletter or on the Atlanta WW II Round Table Website. Kovach’s email is jkovach2000@yahoo.com / Tel: 770-928-4579

>>> **(UPDATED) ROBO-CALLS / MANDATORY RESERVATIONS BEING ASKED - FOR ALL UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Commander Pete Mecca, Deputy Commander Jack Coyle and newly appointed **ROBO-CALL Coordinator Bill LeCount** will now be asking for the cooperation of all Round Table Members and Guests to provide advance notification whether they will be attending a monthly meeting. Members and Guests who have provided their contact phone numbers will be reminded each month about the time and date of the monthly meetings. Those called can respond while the message is being announced. Alternatively, those called / notified can also email or call Commander Mecca at: petemecca@gmail.com - Tel. 770-354-9697; Deputy Commander Coyle at: jackwcoyle@bellsouth.net - Tel. 770-788-2454; or **ROBO-CALL** Coordinator Bill LeCount at: blecount@aol.com - Tel. 404-886-7383. It is imperative that the Round Table provide the Church with an accurate head-count at each meeting so there are enough meals and desserts (meals and desserts are made from-scratch on the day of the meeting). **Please Note: The Reservation / Head-Count is now mandatory.** If you do not reserve a meal, and the Church is deficient in providing you a meal, you will be refunded your \$ 20.00 payment (or \$ 35.00 per Couple) by Finance Officer Jay Lenny.

>>> **(REMINDER) IMMEDIATE - WITNESS-TO-WAR ORGANIZATION AND ATLANTA WW II ROUND TABLE**

The Witness to War Foundation, which works on a volunteer basis to videotape all Roundtable meetings, is a local non-profit that conducts video interviews with combat veterans of all wars. Veterans from all services and all conflicts are asked to sign-up for an interview with Martin Madert and provide them with their oral histories. Sign-up sheets are available at all meetings or you can contact Martin via email at martin@witnesswar.org or by phone at 770-628-0024. If you have general questions around Witness to War, you may contact Director, Emily Carley, at emily@witnesswar.org or 770-481-3018. Additional information on the Foundation can be found at www.WitnessToWar.org.

>>> **(REMINDER) AIR FORCE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION - Georgia Chapter - MEETING REMINDER** - The Georgia Chapter of the 8th Air Force Historical Association meets monthly at Clairmont Place, 2100 Clairmont Lake Decatur, GA, 30033 (Across the street from the VA hospital on Clairmont Road). This Association meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month. Please contact Brent Bracewell at 678-416-5749 or Marc Feit at email marcfeit@bellsouth.net for additional meeting info.

>>> **(UPDATED) UPCOMING SPEAKERS FOR – NOVEMBER 2017 –JUNE 2018**– Commander & Program Chairman Pete Mecca, with the assistance of the Program Committee, have lined-up some impressive speakers for us for our 2017-2018 campaign: **December 21st (3rd Thursday) - Richard "Rick" Heneghan- ‘WW II From A History Teacher’s Perspective’;** January 18th, 2018 (3rd Thursday) – Jonnie Clasen – *Merrill Marauders*; February Banquet – February 15th (3rd Thursday) Speaker and Author Steve Snyder – *“The True Story of Pilot Howard Snyder and The Crew of the B-17 Susan Ruth”* Speakers for our March 15th, 2018 through June 21st, 2018 Meetings will be announced in our Newsletter. Please note that the speaker’s engagements are subject to change. Should any member have a suggestion or lead for Pete relative to a qualified Speaker, please contact Commander Mecca at 770-354-9697 or via email at petemecca@gmail.com

Monthly Quotation:

In the early 1990s Russia had developed a 10 Hz Very Low Frequency (VLF) Modulator capable of targeting individuals over hundreds of meters, causing pain, nausea, and vomiting. It was adjustable up to lethal levels. Since at least as far back as 1997, the U.S. Department of Defense has had an interest in creating generators in the infrasonic and ultrasonic ranges of 7 Hz and 20-35 KHz, respectively, which can cause these effects.

Such a device could also target the brain. These changes in brain frequencies cause changes in brain chemistry, which then influence thoughts and emotions. Furthermore, transmitting directed-energy using an exact frequency and modulation will trigger a precise chemical reaction in the brain, which, in turn will produce a specific emotion in the targeted individual.

Recently U.S. diplomats in **Cuba** were attacked with a "sonic device. Are the Russians (and their close friends the Cubans) experimenting with an improved and undetectable version of their **Sonic Weapon**?)

New World War by Mark M. Rich (May 9th, 2013)

