



**THE ATLANTA WORLD WAR II ROUND TABLE
PRESERVING HISTORY**

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Date: MARCH 15th, 2018 (THURSDAY) >> *Next Meeting APRIL 19th*

Time: Social Half-Hour: 10:45 AM – 11:15 AM > **BUFFET LINE OPENS**

T 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 REQUIRED

Speaker: Professor Seymour (Sy) Goodman

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Subject: "Civil War Atlanta; The Long and Steep Descent."

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 FEBRUARY 2018 Meeting: 105*))

Speaker for MARCH 15th, 2018 (3rd THURSDAY)– Seymour Goodman (To Be Introduced By Commander Mecca)

The **MARCH 15th, 2018 (3rd THURSDAY)** Meeting of the *Atlanta WW II Round Table* will feature Professor Seymour (Sy) Goodman, as our featured speaker. Sy is a Georgia Institute of Technology Regents' Professor, Professor of International Affairs and Computing, Adjunct Professor of History. PhD, California Institute of Technology. His most research focus is in international technological development, technology diffusion, and related public policy issues; his most recent work has been concentrated on the study of the global diffusion of the Internet, the security of national and international infrastructures, and the impact of emerging technologies on the conduct and outcomes of large-scale conflicts.

Dr. Goodman has worked extensively on these and other topics in technology transfer, export control policies, technological development and absorption in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, cyber security, computer science, discrete mathematics, and mathematical physics. Over the last 45 years, his work and programs have been funded by more than 20 private and public sponsors.

Prof. Goodman has served on many academic and government, advisory, study, and editorial committees, and has pursued his interests on all seven continents and about 100 countries. He is Co-Director of the Center for International Strategy, Technology, and Policy and Director Emeritus of the Sam Nunn Security Program, and Dean's Fellow for Interdisciplinary Research and Education, and Adjunct Professor of History in the Ivan Allen College. He is a lifetime National Affiliate of the National Research Council of the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine.

Before coming to Georgia Tech he held various positions at the University of Virginia (applied mathematics, computer science, Soviet and East European studies), Princeton University (mathematics, public and international affairs), the University of Chicago (economics), the University of Arizona (MIS, Middle Eastern studies, Russian and Soviet studies), and most recently at Stanford University where he was director of the Consortium for Research in Information Security and Policy at the Center for International Security and Cooperation and the School of Engineering. As an undergraduate at Columbia University, he studied civil engineering, mathematics, and city planning. He earned his PhD from the California Institute of Technology where he studied problems of mathematical physics.

Please welcome Professor Seymour Goodman as our **MARCH 15th, 2018 (3rd Thursday)** speaker (317th) Meeting

Speaker Review for FEBRUARY 15th, 2018– Steve Snyder)- (Introduced By Commander Mecca)

WOW, what a wonderful presentation Steve Snyder made to the Round Table at the February 15th Banquet. Steve is now a recognized historian and expert on the B-17 Flying Fortress, having researched the experiences of his father, pilot Howard Snyder, and his crew of the B-17 Susan Ruth. It became his passion and after 4 ½ years of dedicated research, resulted in his book, *SHOT DOWN*, which has received over 25 national book awards. One result of his new career as a World War II historian is that he is a member of numerous World War II organizations and is immediate past president of the 306th Bomb Group Historical Association.

Steve detailed for us the layout of the B-17 Bomber with schematic drawings, positions inside the B-17 occupied by flight personnel, the armament the plane used and more. By the end of Steve's presentation, all agreed it was one of the most magnificent Aircraft the U.S. had that helped win the war. Thank-You Steve for preserving history with us on February 15, your expertise on the B-17 flying Fortress 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 three (3) New Members who have joined us since our December 21st, 2017-January 18th, 2018 meetings:

Veteran David A. Hladik – David served in the U.S. Army, Military Police- Vietnam 67-68 – River Rat – Mekong Delta – all four (4) Corps, and in the Tet Offensive.

Veteran Captain James H. Buterbaugh – Captain Buterbaugh served in the USAF, 50th Fighter Bomber Wing – Toul-Rosiers AB France 1956-57 and was inactive in the Reserves for 11 years.

Kathryn C. Thompson – Kathryn is the wife of former Round Table Commander and WW II Veteran Fletcher Thompson.

Please welcome David, James and Kathryn at our March 15th, 2018 (Thursday) Meeting

>>> **(NEW) ANNUAL DIXIE WING WW II HERITAGE DAYS EVENT-** Mark your calendars for the weekend of April 21-22 when the annual Dixie Wing WWII Heritage Days event will return to the Atlanta Regional Airport, Falcon Field, in Peachtree City. This year's theme will be the *Medal of Honor in WWII*. The event will feature numerous WWII aircraft, including a fully restored B-17...rides will be available. There will be Allied and Axis re-enactors in full combat gear who will stage mock battles each day and numerous WWII military and antique vehicles on display. In addition, the event will feature many sights and sounds of the 1940's, including a *Keep 'em Flying WWII Hangar Swing Dance* on Saturday evening with full orchestra.

It is anticipated that this will be the largest gathering of WWII veterans in the State of Georgia this year. A group from Alabama plans to attend with numerous WWII veterans and we can't let them "out-attend" our own Atlanta WWII Round Table!

All WWII vets will be admitted free of charge and will be honored as special guests at the event and the dance. On Saturday, April 21, the WWII Round Table will be providing transportation from our church parking lot to the event in Peachtree City and return.

Announcements will be forthcoming at the March 15th Meeting and in the Newsletter. Expect additional event-specific email advisories as well.

>>> **(NEW) – ON SATURDAY, APRIL 21st THE ATLANTA WW II ROUND TABLE WILL BE PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION FROM THE DUNWOODY UNITED CHURCH PARKING-LOT TO THE EVENT IN PEACHTREE CITY AND RETURN.**

Jerry Colley will be leading this trip. This event is "right up our alley" and is not to be missed! See you there!

WHAT: Dixie Wing WWII Heritage Days

WHERE: Meet in the parking lot of Dunwoody UMC, 1548 Mt. Vernon Rd., Dunwoody GA 30338

WHEN: Saturday, April 21, 2018, before 10 AM. We will leave at 10 AM sharp. Rain or Shine. We should return to the church by 4 PM.

HOW: Caravan in our cars. My minivan will seat 6 comfortably. No advance signup needed.

COST: \$10 for adults, free for WWII vets. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be for sale at the event.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Email Jerry Colley at braghq@aol.com

>>> **(REMINDERS) ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MEMBERS OR GUESTS AT ALL UPCOMING MEETINGS / KITCHEN ITEMS TO BE RETURNED TO THEIR PLACE OF ORIGIN OR THE GARBAGE BIN!!**

As on-going proclamations, Commander Mecca is requesting the cooperation of all Round Table Members and guests relative to announcements being made at our Meetings and cleaning-up the tables after lunch. Commander Mecca's requests are as follows: (1st) 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 (2nd) There is no excuse for leaving the lunch tables littered with cups, dishes, plates, spoons, forks, et al. Commencing with the March 15th Meeting, each table is being asked to do Kitchen Duty on any remaining paraphernalia left on the table; Plastic, Paper and Styrofoam Items, anything Kitchen-Related, including Meals-Ready-To-Eat (MRE), 'Beans, Bullets and Band-Aids', et al. Ceramic and Metal Items get returned to the containers in the Kitchen, dispose of all Styrofoam and Plastics. If unsure about the item, put it in a Kitchen container.

>>> **(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.

>>> **(UPDATED) UPCOMING SPEAKERS FOR – February 2018 –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: – **March 15th (3rd Thursday) – Seymour (Sy) Goodman – Civil War Atlanta – The Long Steep Descent**"; April 19th (3rd Thursday) Hilbert (Hibby) Margol – May 17th (3rd Thursday) Jonnie Clasen – Merrill's Marauders and China-Burma-India, WW II's Forgotten Theater"; June 21st (3rd Thursday) – Open. 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:

A Soldier's Prayer

Dear Lord, Thank you for giving me the strength and the conviction to complete the task you entrusted to me. Thank you for guiding me straight and true through the many obstacles in my path. And for keeping me resolute when all around seemed lost. Thank you for your protection and your many signs along the way. Thank you for any good that I may have done, I'm so sorry about the bad. Thank you for the friend I made. Please watch over her as you watched over me. Thank you for finally allowing me to rest. I'm so very tired, but I go now to my rest at peace. I fought the good fight, I finished the race, I kept the faith.

Prayer from the Movie *The Book of Eli* (2010)