



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

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321<sup>st</sup> MEETING

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**Date:** SEPTEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 THURSDAY >> *Next Meeting OCT. 18th*

**Time:** Social Half-Hour: **10:30 AM – 11:15 AM** > **BUFFET LINE OPENS AT 11:15 AM – MEETING START TIME 11:45 AM – 12:00 NOON**

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

**Speaker:** Jack Barsky (Former KGB Spy)

**Subject:** “Once Upon a Spy”

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 JUNE 2018 Meeting: ± 90))

**Speaker for SEPTEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (3<sup>rd</sup> THURSDAY)– Jack Barsky – ( Be Introduced By Commander Mecca )**

The **SEPTEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (3<sup>rd</sup> THURSDAY)** Meeting of the *Atlanta WW II Round Table* will feature Jack Barsky as our featured speaker.

Jack Barsky is a retired Information Technology executive with over thirty years of experience. Jack graduated as valedictorian with a Bachelor of Business Administration from Baruch College, New York. He also holds a Master’s Degree in Chemistry from the Friedrich Schiller University, Jena Germany.

What makes Jack unique is the fact that he was born and raised in East Germany where he was recruited by the KGB. During the 1980s he spent ten years as an undercover agent in the United States spying for the Soviet Union. Today he is a United States citizen whose life story was featured in May of 2015 on CBS 60 Minutes. His memoir “Deep Undercover” was released on March 21, 2017. The book has been translated into German, Swedish and Polish. Jack’s story has received international attention with features on British, French, German, Polish, Turkish and Japanese TV. In the United States Jack has appeared on, among others, CNN, MSNBC, FOX, The Daily Show, A&E, and the Glenn Beck Program.

Rather than retiring to the golf course, Jack has embarked on his sixth (!) career as an author, public speaker and blogger. He lives with his wife and seven-year-old daughter in Covington, Georgia. Please visit Jack’s Website at <https://jackbarsky.com/>

Please welcome Jack Barsky as our speaker for the **SEPTEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday)** Meeting (321<sup>st</sup>).

**Speaker Review for JUNE 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018– Dick Bailey (Introduced by Aide-To-Commanders Joe Jordan)**

Dick’s love of flying and airplanes began when he was a teenager; at 17 he was the youngest pilot in the ‘triple cities’ area of Johnson City, Endicott and Binghamton, NY. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps as a aviation cadet in February 1942 just after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941. He received his wings and commission at Twin-Engine Advanced School in Stuttgart, Arkansas and was immediately assigned to Barksdale Field in Louisiana for *B-26 Martin Marauder* transition training.

Dick was then assigned to the 450<sup>th</sup> Squadron, 322<sup>nd</sup> Bomb Group, which was the first of eight B-26 Groups in the 9<sup>th</sup> Air Force. The 322<sup>nd</sup> started out with the mission of isolating the battlefield, disrupting German transportation in preparation for the D-Day invasion. Eisenhower in cooperation with Winston Churchill enhanced the mission of the 322<sup>nd</sup> to include the bombing of the *V-1 Buzz Bomb* and *V-2 Rocket* launching sites along the French coast. On June 6<sup>th</sup>, 1944 Lt. Bailey flew 3 missions over the beaches of Normandy in support of the D-Day landing forces.

Dick also flew support missions during the *Battle of the Bulge* in December 1944 and during one of these missions became the only Bomber Pilot in the European Theater to be credited with shooting down a German *ME-109 Fighter* plane.

In January 1945 Dick completed his combat tour with 65 missions and returned home where he continued to fly both military and civilian aircraft including the *B-26 Marauder*, *B-25 Mitchell*, C-47 Skytrain, C-35 Electra, At-7 Navigator, AT-6 Texan, Piper L-4 and Stinson L-5. He also continued to fly as a Reservist at Stewart Field, West Point until 1947.

He is a Graduate of the *Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI)*, graduating with a Bachelors Degree in Mechanical

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Engineering and worked as a Engineer for several companies including IBM, Honeywell and Univac until his retirement in 1996.

On August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013. 69 years after D-Day, Lt. Bailey was awarded the *French Legion of Honor* by the *Consul General De France*. He attended the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D-Day commemoration in Normandy, France on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Thank-You Dick Bailey for keeping history alive with us on June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 and for a job well-done.

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**SPECIAL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS / OF SPECIAL INTEREST & UPCOMING EVENTS**

>>> **(NEW) OCTOBER 27<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) – Trip To Andersonville Civil War Prison, Cemetery and POW Camp**

Your Roundtable is proud to announce a one-day van trip to Andersonville, Georgia, Saturday, October 27, 2018. Details are still being worked on, but the plan is to leave Dunwoody UMC at 8:45 am on October 27 and visit Andersonville Civil War Prison, Cemetery, and the POW Museum. Lunch details, cost, and tour highlights are being worked on. **Van limit is 12 people.** We should return to Dunwoody UMC by 5 pm. Anyone wanting to be added to the trip list or interested in more information as it develops can email Jerry Colley at braghq@aol.com

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***I am please to announce that we have three (3) new members who have joined us since our June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 Meeting***

**Veteran Earl (Sonny) H. Dellinger**– Sonny served in the U.S. Army 1/503 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne 1968-69 – RVN. He was a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant – Medical Service Corps.

**Stephen (Steve) L. Hoofnagle** – Steve is a retired Engineer and is interested in Aviation and Air Corps Operations.

**Raymond (Ray) B. Fordyce, Jr.** – Ray retired from a career in management with IBM and, later, Siemens. With both companies he professionally spoke worldwide, including major product announcements to the press. He once worked as a ranch-hand in Argentina, has traveled extensively - six continents and 70 countries to date - and has three U.S. patents. He is also a pilot, an advanced-certified scuba diver and plays piano. (He even once played at a German WW2 fighter *gruppe* reunion!). Ray is the son of Capt. Raymond “RB” Fordyce, who served as the head of the Photographic Section of the 385<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group, 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force, based in Great Ashfield, England during World War II. Ray was also our November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Speaker.

***Please welcome Steve, Ray and Sonny as our newest members at our SEPTEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (Thursday) Meeting***

>>> **( 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:

**(1<sup>st</sup>)** 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 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](mailto: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](mailto:jkovach2000@yahoo.com) / Tel: 770-928-4579

**(2<sup>nd</sup>) PLEASE NOTE:** The Church Facilities and Kitchen Manager, Debbie Collins, would like to remind all members and guests that attend the September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting that it is their responsibility to leave the meeting room as clean as when they first entered it. Debbie has informed us that the Church has limited resources and recently reduced it’s kitchen staff and is having a difficult time picking-up after us at our meetings. There is no excuse for leaving the lunch tables littered with cups, dishes, plates, spoons, forks, et al. Everyone is being asked to do Kitchen-Duty on any remaining paraphernalia left on the tables; that includes 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 for washing; dispose of all Styrofoam and Plastics. If unsure about an item, leave it in a container in the kitchen. This is also a reminder to members and guests that the Round Table is a guest of the Church, a guest in the house of the Lord, and if necessary Commander Mecca is prepared to appoint a ‘Table Captain’ at each table to supervise and make sure everyone leaves their table as they found it when they entered the room. Everyone is being asked to be part of the solution, not part of the problem. Please send any personal comments or suggestions on Clean-Up-Duty to Commander Mecca at [petemecca@gmail.com](mailto:petemecca@gmail.com).

>>> **(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](mailto:petemecca@gmail.com) - Tel. 770-354-9697;

Deputy Commander Coyle at: [jackwcoyle@bellsouth.net](mailto:jackwcoyle@bellsouth.net) - Tel. 770-788-2454; or *ROBO-CALL* Coordinator Bill LeCount at:

[blecount@aol.com](mailto: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 – APRIL - JUNE 2018**– Commander & Program Chairman Pete Mecca, with the assistance of the Program Committee, have lined-up some impressive speakers for us for the remainder of our 2018 campaign: – **September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 - Jack Barsky – Former KGB Spy**; October 18<sup>th</sup> – James Stockton – WW II Marine and Veteran of Iwo Jima; November 15<sup>th</sup> – Chaplain Mike Morris – Athletes in WW II; and December 20<sup>th</sup> – Jonnie Clasen – Women in WW I. 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](mailto:petemecca@gmail.com)

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Monthly Quotation:

*“In the world of disinformation, the world in which the Soviet Union thrives, the first lesson to be learned ( I have every year stressed this point and more ) is: Do not take at face value the apparent credentials of anyone. Do not be won over by the ostensible believability of anything you hear, or hear argued, defended, urged, that bears on the war we are engaged in with the Soviet Union”.*

James Jesus Angleton (Chief of Counterintelligence CIA 1954-1975)

Excerpt from *Spytime, the undoing of James Jesus Angleton* by William F. Buckley Jr.