



## From the Desk of Roundtable President Charles Holt

May 2021 Newsletter [www.WWIIroundtable.com](http://www.WWIIroundtable.com)

Early blessed Memorial Day! Be sure and reach out to those who lost a loved one in the service of our country...make it a habit...especially this month. The "Greatest Generation" is quickly passing away: On 8 MAY, one of our speakers died at 96—Edgar Harrell—last Marine survivor of the USS Indianapolis—only 5 remain—James Smith, 96, died on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Another speaker, Hershel "Woody" Williams, 97, who spoke in Indy on 1 MAY at the Gold Star Families monument dedication, is now the only WWII MOH recipient alive—Charles Coolidge, 99, died on the 6<sup>th</sup>. I apologize for the technical glitches at the past two dinner meetings—we try our hardest in these difficult times. If you know of a potential speaker, let us know.

*Charles Holt, D.O.*

### May 24, 2021, 7:00 PM Hybrid

**Dinner 6-7:00 at North Side Social!**

**7:00 Greetings & 7:10 Ozzie's History Report**

**In-person Speaker:**

**Captain (ret) John Kottowski**

**The Old Guard at Arlington National Cemetery**

**May 24, 2021 06:45 PM Log-In available**

**Meeting Starts 7:00 PM** Use Zoom link here

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81524284645pwd=VEUvKy9mRWNOUU4SDYwOEJHZEJExdz09>

**Log in easily from our webpage too!**

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6:00 Dinner served  
\$11 + table tip++

7:00 Program  
In person & Zoom

#### 2021 DINNERS:

Feb 22, Mar 22, Apr 26,  
May 24, June 28, July 26,  
Aug 23, Sept 27, Oct 25,  
Nov 22, Dec 27

#### Dues Reminder

Accepting checks now for 2021;  
payable to 'WWII Roundtable,  
INC,' P.O. Box 1965, No-  
blesville, IN 46061 or go to our  
website to pay online:

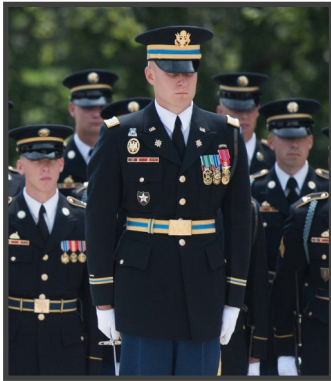
[WWIIroundtable.com](http://WWIIroundtable.com)

Veteran \$20; Non-Veteran \$25;

**W2 Veterans free**

**Join us for a great Zoom Hybrid program.** We continue to have hybrid dinner meetings at the Northside Social Club. In the meantime stay safe and get your vaccination! Be sure to send your RSVP to Karl Kleinbub ASAP: [knj1002@myninestar.net](mailto:knj1002@myninestar.net) or phone 317 607-6948. A head count for Northside Social is very important. Also, please have exact change \$11 ++ tip for your meal. Do you know how easy it is to pay your dues online? —Go to our website and follow the link!

## Month of May — Guest Speaker from Texas: John Kottlowski



John Kottlowski is a former U.S. Army Captain and veteran of the war in Afghanistan. In 2010 he began his eight year Army career by commissioning as a Second Lieutenant in the Armor branch. At Fort Knox, KY, John completed one year of maneuver warfare training, including the Armor Basic Officer Leadership Course and the Army Reconnaissance Course. In 2011 John graduated from Ranger School at Fort Benning, GA and was subsequently assigned to 8th Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, WA.

John was selected to lead a 24-man platoon in Afghanistan from March 2012 to January 2013. During this time, he led over 120 dismounted and mounted combat patrols, trained Afghan National Security Forces, and conducted counter-insurgency operations in partnership with village leaders. Anticipating

a career in Military Intelligence, John assumed new responsibilities as an Operations Officer in a Human Intelligence Company from March 2013 to March 2014. As a junior Captain, John attended the Military Intelligence Captains Career Course at Fort Huachuca, AZ, where he developed skills in data analytics, predictive analysis, and counter insurgency and conventional warfare planning.

As an Intelligence Officer in the 3D Infantry Regiment, **The Old Guard**, John coordinated security measures between intelligence and law enforcement professionals, managed personnel security for over 600 soldiers, and planned intelligence training scenarios for his Battalion for two years. In 2017 John commanded Headquarters Company, 4th Infantry Battalion, 3D Infantry Regiment, which includes the **Tomb of the Unknown Soldier** platoon at Arlington National Cemetery. Here he oversaw the daily operations of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier mission. As his final assignment as a senior Captain, John served as a military assistant to the Secretary of Defense, James Mattis.

John is a 2010 graduate of the United States Military Academy, West Point, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Management, with a minor in Systems Engineering. During his time at West Point, John was a member of the Army Sailing Team. Following his time in the Army, John earned an MBA at Rice University in Houston, his hometown. He is currently an investment advisor at Goldman Sachs in Dallas, where he lives with his wife Laura, sons George and Peter, and daughter Elizabeth.

***The WW2 Roundtable especially thanks John Shively for hosting and sponsoring our speaker for this very special program!***

*Shively with Kottlowski at West Point graduation in 2010*



**More information on The Old Guard at Arlington is on page 3**

**Meeting Protocol Reminder :** Topic: **World War II General Meeting** Time: **May 24, 2021 06:45 PM Eastern Time**  
Sign-On Available Zoom Meeting Starts: 7 PM Zoom **Meeting Starts 7:00 PM** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81524284645?pwd=VEUvKy9mRWNOU0R0U04SDYwOEJHZjExdz09> Meeting ID: 815 2428 4645  
Passcode: 629190 Remember to mute yourself during the program!



**Our May Dinner/Program will be a Hybrid- Zoom meeting. If joining via Zoom, be sure your device is set to mute!**  
**Go here to review how to do this:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oi5qqx5CYm4>

As usual, the evening will begin with Ozzie's presentation. This will be fascinating as always! If you choose to attend virtually, please sign in between 6:45 and 6:55. The program will begin at 7 P.M. sharp! **We are please to report that the technical issues at the Northside Social Club have been resolved.** **INFORMATION DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER June 10th** Please send new items to editor, Kathryn Lerch: c/o [klerch@parktudor.org](mailto:klerch@parktudor.org) Refer to our newsletter's first page "bookmark" for future program dates in 2021.



## Arlington National Cemetery & The Old Guard

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A late member of our WWII Roundtable, **Ray Featherstone, Jr.** was also a member of the elite 3rd Infantry Regiment. In the 1950s while posted at Ft. Meyers, he knew members from the 3rd Inf who served in The Old Guard at Arlington. In an interview he described some of the qualifications in order to be a member of this elite group.



For more information see: <https://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/Explore/Changing-of-the-Guard>

*Inspecting the Honor Guard here in September 2015 are Honor Flight veterans from Indianapolis*





## WW II TRIVIA FOR MAY 2021

- ◆ In 1939 the Nobel Prize Committee in Stockholm decided not to award a peace prize for that year.
- ◆ In Nazi Germany women were awarded medals for the number of children they had; a bronze medal for 4 children, silver for 6, gold for 8.
- ◆ On March 6, 1942 the US government prohibited the sale of new, used or

rebuilt typewriters to the general public. They could only be sold to the government. It took a lot of paper work to run a war.

- ◆ August 15, 2015 was the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of WW II. On that date dozens of young men dressed as sailors and young women dresses as nurses gathered in Times Square New York and reenacted the famous victory kiss photographed in 1945 by the photographer Alfred Eisenstaedt.
- ◆ The B-29 bombers designed to carry the atomic bombs had to be modified because of the size and weight of the atomic bombs. To reduce weight, all gun turrets and armor plating were removed. When the planes delivered the bombs over Japan they were virtually defenseless against enemy air attacks.
- ◆ On December 8, 1941, the day after the Pearl Harbor attack, the US Army contacted the Walt Disney Studio in Hollywood with a request to use some of their animated characters in propaganda films and printed material related to the war. The Disney Studio agreed and with this Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck joined the Army.
- ◆ When President Roosevelt learned of the production of the movie 'Mrs. Miniver,' the story of a British family during the Blitz of London, he sent a request to the movie studio to release the film as soon as possible. The studio complied and released the film as soon as they could.
- ◆ Immediately after the dropping of the second atomic bomb on Nagasaki, the USAAF dropped leaflets over many places in Japan telling the people that there would be more such attacks unless the Japanese government surrendered. When the Japanese government finally agreed to surrender more leaflets were dropped telling the Japanese people of the terms of the surrender and instructed them to accept the terms peacefully.
- ◆ ... **MORE TRIVIA NEXT MONTH**



# May 1st Dedication of Indiana Gold Star Memorial



Thank you to Jill Fewell who was the driving force along with Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, Woody Woodson in making this memorial possible for Indiana!

In case you missed this very special event attend by hundreds of people in our Indianapolis community . . . WW2 Roundtable member, Brigit Caito was interviewed about her father who was killed in WW2. **See the highlights here:**

<https://www.wishtv.com/fuel/indiana-gold-star-families-memorial-monument-unveiled/> and <https://www.wishtv.com/news/local-news/hundreds-come-out-for-unveiling-of-gold-star-family-monument/>

Last fall, a WISH-TV news story provided information about the motivation behind the project. See also: <https://www.wishtv.com/news/local-news/gold-star-families-raise-money-for-monument-in-downtown-indianapolis/>

**Just a reminder. . . .**

## INDIANA VIETNAM VETS GIFT



**A FREE GIFT OF GRATITUDE TO HONOR  
INDIANA VETERANS  
WHO SERVED DURING THE  
VIETNAM WAR  
1955-1975**



A collaboration with the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs (IDVA) & Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans (WHVV) established the Indiana Vietnam Veterans Gift as an outreach program to honor and give thanks to Indiana Veterans who served during the Vietnam War years of 1955-1975.

Veterans order a FREE gift at [VetsGift.com](http://VetsGift.com) which includes:

- ◆ A beautiful, archival-quality hardbound book, *A Time to Honor: Stories of Service, Duty, and Sacrifice*, filled with stories representing all states, all branches of service, along with a paired, expanded digital book version
- ◆ The feature DVD documentary *The Journey Home*, focusing on what America and the Vietnam veterans have learned, and felt, since first coming home over fifty years ago. Watch 2 min. movie clip here: [The Journey Home](http://TheJourneyHome)
- ◆ An interactive eBook with hundreds of additional pages of Indiana stories of Vietnam Vets

Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans and Community Partners will hand-deliver the Indiana Vietnam [Vets Gift](http://VetsGift.com). Indiana Veteran Service Officers, Indiana businesses, churches, schools and nonprofit organizations are encouraged to announce and share this information, help veterans order the FREE Gift and host events to recognize & bring honor to their veteran employees, members, students, volunteers, and affiliates of their organizations in their communities.

Special events will be scheduled and the VetsGift will be hand-delivered at events and to homebound veterans. If you or you company are interested in possibly partnering to host an outreach event or help deliver to the homebound, please send a request to: [events@whvv.org](mailto:events@whvv.org)

A bookmark will be placed inside every Vets Gift to encourage Hoosier Veterans to tell their story of service. If a veteran chooses to preserve their legacy, their own personal experiences will be documented and archived with the Veterans History Project through the Library of Congress who makes accessible the personal accounts of American veterans so that future generations may hear directly from veterans and better understand the realities of war. <http://lloc.gov/vets>

The [Indiana Vietnam Veterans FREE Gift](http://IndianaVietnamVeteransFREEGift) will show gratitude & respect to Indiana veterans. It will also provide social awareness and historical value to multiple generations about the real accounts of the Vietnam War. All over the state of Indiana, the Vietnam Vets Gift and message will reinforce the idea that it is never too late to say "Thank You" and "Welcome Home".

*The Indiana Vietnam VetsGift will be an ongoing, collaborative effort until we find and thank the estimated 130,000 Vietnam Veterans living in Indiana. Please check here for [veteran events](http://veteran events).*

**FIND ★ THANK ★ REPAY**

**[VETSgift.com](http://VETSgift.com)**

Hope you Enjoyed some Earlier Lectures "Guam & Wake Islands"

**Dr. John Shively's online lectures are available at the following links:**

Historian/author and WWII Round Table member John Shively has presented a series of **GoTo webinar lectures** for this winter and spring. "I have visited nearly every island battlefield in the Pacific and am now a battlefield tour guide with Valor Tours. I have guided tours to Okinawa, Tarawa, Pearl Harbor, and Guadalcanal. **Questions? Wish to sign up for future programs and if you wish to be on his email list, please contact John Shively at [indjcs@aol.com](mailto:indjcs@aol.com) or 765-491-7010 or go to WWII RT webpage for information & link. His programs have been recorded and are available on You-tube.**

Here is the YouTube link to part 2 of a 4 lecture series on the **Battle of Guadalcanal**: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Smn-9WLFVA> If you missed part 1, here it is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ed1WasJB2oU>

**Book Suggestions from our WWII RT authors are now posted on our website. Please refer there for book information.** Feel free to contact any of them if you have questions about which book might be

the perfect one! **Ronald P. May** 317-435-7636 **Richard Osborne** (Ozzie) 317-849-3680 **Kathryn Lerch** (for Park Tudor's Legacy Project) 317-251--8661 **Kayleen Reusser** 260-273-9264 **John Shively** 765-491-7010



*Remember our Veterans this Memorial Day! October scene in 2018 at Arlington National Cemetery*