



From the Desk of Roundtable President Charles Holt

March 2021 Newsletter www.WWIIroundtable.com

Hello! Almost time to Spring forward your clocks (14th) an hour. Also a great time to renew your dues/join/encourage others to join. The WWII Roundtable has been around for 35 years, but, we cannot continue without paying members and donations. Organizations like ours run on a very short shoestring...we have no paid employees and most costs involve maintaining our website/Zoom and hybrid meetings/mail costs. Many organizations have gone under over the past year, in great part due to COVID, including roundtables/museums/tours/collector and air and military vehicle shows. You can pay easily on our website or by mail. We had a great talk via Zoom, last month, on the American military cemeteries around the world by CDR (RET) Ron May. We work very hard to line up good speakers and always welcome leads on speakers (can be someone's deceased military relative's story) and we can speak for them/help with a Power Point Presentation (PPP). Our monthly 4th Monday program will be a hybrid, again—Yeah!--in person and Zoom to those who can't attend on this 22nd. See important RSVP information below.

Thanks and volunteer! Charles

March 22, 2021, 7:00 PM Hybrid Dinner Meeting (In-person & Zoom)

Dinner 6-7:00 at your home or North Side Social!

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

Speaker: Dr. John Shively

"Fall of American Outposts: Guam & Wake Islands"

World War II Roundtable Hybrid Meeting 22 Mar 2021

Mar 22, 2021 06:45 PM Log-In available Meeting Starts 7:00 PM

Log in easily from our webpage too!

Go to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88292396965?pwd=a1Z0c2huVzFiT2V0QjZMZXNZZmh1dz09>

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Where history comes alive!

**Northside Social Club 2100
E 71st Street
Indianapolis,
IN 46220**

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, Noblesville, IN 46061 or go to our website to pay online:

WWIIroundtable.com

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

W2 Veterans free

Join us for a great Hybrid (In-person & Zoom) program. In March we will resume our 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@myinestarnet.net or phone 317 607-6948. A head count for Northside Social is very important. Also, please have exact change \$11 for your meal. Do you know how easy it is to pay your dues online? —Go to our website and follow the link!

Meeting Protocol Reminder

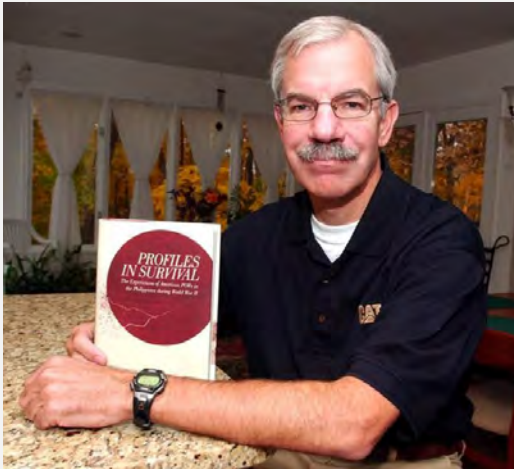


Our March Dinner/Program will be a Hybrid- (In-person & Zoom) meeting. If joining via Zoom, be sure your device is set to mute! Go here to review how to do this: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oi5qqx5CYm4>

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!

INFORMATION DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER March 22nd Please send new items to editor, Kathryn Lerch: c/o klerch@parktudor.org Refer to our newsletter's first page "bookmark" for future program dates in 2021.

March 22nd Speaker:



In an author interview, Shively commented how physically visiting the historical locations provides a heightened sense of appreciation for the subject matter. "When I go visit these island battlefields, more than anything else, it's just to be where these important battles took place, to walk on what is this hallowed ground to Marines," he said. All of it has led to a reputation that allows him to give presentations at venues across the state and serve as an escort for WWII tours to the Pacific. Refer to the WW2 Roundtable website for more information about Dr. Shively's Pacific series of lectures.

He will answer questions at the end of his pre-recorded program on March 22nd.

Topic: The Fall of Guam and Wake Islands in 1942

WWII Round Table Hybrid Meeting

Time: Mar 22, 2021 06:45 PM Eastern Time Sign-In Available

Zoom Meeting Starts 7:00 PM

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WW II TRIVIA for March 2021

- ◆ Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr. had five wives.
- ◆ When MacArthur ordered the Japanese delegation to come to Manila to work out the initial activities for the Japanese surrender procedure he ordered that as the Japanese planes approached Manila they use the code word 'Bataan' to identify themselves.
- ◆ At Potsdam, Truman, Churchill and Stalin conducted their meeting in a refurbished castle once owned by Kaiser Wilhelm who was blamed by many for starting WW I.**
- ◆ Harry Truman was a Baptist and not supposed to drink or gamble. But it was well-known the Harry liked his booze and playing poker. When he was selected to receive an honorary doctoral degree from Baylor University, a Baptist institution, some questions were raised within the Baptist community. The Baptists, however, were able to work it out and Harry received the degree.
- ◆ British General Bernard Montgomery usually read excerpts from his Bible each night before going to bed.
- ◆ On June 14, 1934 Hitler and Mussolini met for the first time. Hitler wore civilian clothes, a brown Mackintosh and Hamburg hat. Mussolini wore a full military uniform – clearly a diplomatic snafu. Mussolini later said to an aide “I don’t like the looks of him.”
- ◆ In London the home of the British Prime Minister is #10 Downing St. For 5 years in the 1920s Winston Churchill lived at #11 Downing St.
- ◆ By the end of 1934 the Nazi Party had become so strong in Germany that its paramilitary organization and predecessor to the SS, the SA (Sturmabteilung- Storm Trooper) had some 400,000 members . That was four times the size of the German Army.
- ◆ In his book “The Gathering Storm” Churchill wrote that, at the start of WW II, FDR asked him what this new war should be called. Churchill wrote “I said at once ‘The Unnecessary War.’ There never was a war more easy to stop than that which has first wrecked what was left of the world from the previous struggle.”

****Cecilienhof Country House**, built from 1913–17 in the style of a country manor, and was the last palace erected by the Hohenzollerns. Until 1945 it was the home of the crown prince and princess, William and Cecilie of Prussia, who had previously resided in the Marble House. The country house’s appearance was adapted to the natural surroundings through the use of traditional materials such as brick and wood. It fits beautifully into the northern part of the New Garden, which was created at the end of the 18th century in style of an English landscape garden. . . .From July 17 to August 2, 1945, the summit meeting of World War II’s victorious powers took place here, attended by the “Big Three” – the American president Harry S. Truman, the British prime minister Winston Churchill (followed by his successor Clement Attlee), and the Soviet head of state Joseph Stalin. See: <https://www.spsg.de/en/palaces-gardens/object/cecilienhof-country-house/>

More trivia next month!



Loss of Wake in December 1941 . . .

Again, in light of John Shively's upcoming lecture series for March, what happened in the Pacific following the December attacks on Pearl Harbor? Here are a few highlights from contemporary newspaper clips. Don't forget that newspapers across the nation were packed full of news reports, especially human interest stories such as the surrender of Wake. What happened to Major Devereux? What a miserable experience this must have been for his and so many others families in December 1941. Go to the newspaper link below to read the whole story!

For the whole story, go to: Dec. 25, 1941 in *The Evening Star* (Washington, D.C.) <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn83045462/1941-12-25/ed-1/seq-3/ate1=1940&index=4&rows=20&words=Island+Wake&searchType=basic&sequence=0&state=&date2=1942&proxtext=Wake+Island&y=9&x=11&dateFilterType=yearRange&page=1>
[ds=Island+Wake&searchType=basic&sequence=0&state=&date2=1942&proxtext=Wake+Island&y=9&x=11&dateFilterType=yearRange&page=1](https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn83045462/1941-12-25/ed-1/seq-3/ate1=1940&index=4&rows=20&words=Island+Wake&searchType=basic&sequence=0&state=&date2=1942&proxtext=Wake+Island&y=9&x=11&dateFilterType=yearRange&page=1) (Accessed 2-22-2021)

Chevy Chase Family Clings To Hope . . .

A foreign flag rippled over Wake Island today, but in a home in Chevy Chase, Md., this Christmas day, the widowed mother of the man who commanded the gallant "leathernecks" in their epic defense of that tiny Pacific outpost still sees her son at his post, unconquered.

The mother, Mrs. John Ryan Devereux, was told a few days ago that her son, Maj. James Patrick Sinnott Devereux, and his small force of marine were still holding

son to think that James has escaped, or is even alive, maybe." Mrs. Joseph Devereux told the reporter. "But we are still hoping there's a chance. We'll keep on hoping until the last."

Family Is Large One.
 The Devereux family is a large one. There are six brothers and four sisters, Joseph Devereux being the eldest. Maj. Devereux, who was 38 in February, is the fourth in age.

The wife of Maj. Devereux, the former Mary Welch, is the daughter of Col. John P. Welch, quartermaster at Governors Island, N. Y., where she and their 8-year-old son known as "Patty" have been residing for several months.

Maj. Devereux had been sent to Hawaii from San Diego, Calif., last January and Mrs. Devereux had accompanied him. Several months ago, due to illness, she had returned home.

The family has known that Maj. Devereux had been stationed in Wake Island for a long while. It was one of his regular assignments and meant occasional trips back and forth to Honolulu.

So when the first report of the Japanese attack on Wake Island, 18 days ago was reported, they knew he was there with his command.

Met in Philippines.
 Maj. Devereux and his wife met about a dozen years ago when he was stationed at the Cavite naval base in the Philippines. They were married in Peiping, China, the family said. She was a bride of 17 years.

"There was nothing for them to do but to fight on Joseph repeated several times last night. He brightened then. "I whether James is dead, a prisoner but I have hope," he added with confidence.

He spoke feelingly about his brother. "James has a fine sense of humor and a fine sense of humor," he explained. "He loved the Corps and had served a lot. He came home here on a short leave before Hawaii. He hadn't been more than 12 hours when he reported back immediately managed to stay on in all and that is the last I saw of him."

Different members of the family had sent Christmas packages to the island.



MAJ. DEVEREUX.
—A. P. and Star Staff Photos.

out in the little Pacific fortress against daily assaults by the Japanese. Since then her family has told her nothing more.

Today she lies ill in her home at 3 West Bradley lane, unaware of the fate of her son and the island's other heroic defenders. But she knows in her heart what Maj. Devereux would never give up where there was a single chance left to fight.

Next door, at 1 West Bradley lane, a reporter for *The Star* last night brought Joseph S. Devereux, brother of Maj. Devereux, their first detailed information of the Navy Department's admission that the island probably has been lost to the enemy.

Refuse to Give Up Hope.
 A Christmas tree was being decorated for three of the grandchildren of the mother of Maj. Devereux, visiting over the holidays and little

To Hope . . .

D. C., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1941.

Maj. Devereux, Wake Hero



NEW YORK.—The gallant major's wife, Mrs. James Devereux, and their son Pat, 8, are shown at the home of a friend in

Navy Concedes Wake Capture In Siege Outlasting Alamo

Japs Pay Heavy Price in Overpowering 400 Marines Led by Chevy Chase Officer

The Navy wrote a reluctant "final" to the gallant and almost unbelievable defense of Wake Island today, and a bright new page was entered in the annals of the United States Marines—the story of a siege that outlasted the Alamo.

Hours after conceding yesterday that capture of the sun-drenched Pacific atoll was "probable," the Navy told exactly how few were Wake's defenders and how inadequately they were armed—and not until then did full appreciation of the gallant defense dawn upon the Nation.

The dramatic story told how fewer than 400 fighting "leathernecks" held out against overwhelming odds for 14 days and destroyed four Japanese warships before surrendering the tiny mid-Pacific outpost.

Further, it was learned that the 378 officers and men had repelled not one but three previous landing attempts in the two-week siege before they were overwhelmed by vastly superior Japanese naval strength on a fourth landing effort December 23.

Had Few Defense Weapons.
 Twelve fighter planes, six 5-inch guns, 12 three-inch guns and some smaller weapons were the backbone of the defense—these and the indomitable courage which has made the name of the United States Marines one to frighten any foe since the days of John Paul Jones.

On the final day of siege, after almost daily bomber assaults and heavy casualties, most of the marines' planes were gone and all the 5-inchers were out of action.

Assaults within 48 hours starting December 9 and said a landing attempt was expected. The unexpected fury of the resistance apparently caused the Japanese to withdraw until they had amassed overwhelmingly superior strength.

Men Had No Cover.
 The two-week struggle by a sleepless band of marines, fighting on an exposed coral atoll without even the cover of a tree, gave luster to the name of the commander, Maj. P. S. Devereux of Chevy Chase, Md., and his men.

Besides the 12 officers and 363 Devil Dogs, there were one medical officer, six medical enlisted men, and an unlisted number of construction workers on the Clipper plane ship.

The 15-day siege was two days longer than that of the Alamo, which is believed to have begun on February 23 of the leap year 1836 and ended on March 6, when 4,000 Mexicans under Gen. Santa Ana assaulted the fortress and killed every one of the 183 defenders.

And the Nation's Capital, adduced by the loss of the tiny bit of American soil 2,000 miles west of Honolulu, today set down the names of Wake Island's fighting men in the same bracket of heroism with Davy Crockett and his comrades of the Alamo.

As the Navy told the story, Wake's defenders were in "serious trouble" by December 21.

Heavy Attacks Described.
 "Seventeen heavy Japanese bombers attacked the island and were beaten off after heavy damage," the Navy said. "The 3-inch batteries struck, the power plant was damaged and the Diesel Oil Building and its equipment was destroyed, one 3-inch battery of four guns now ineffective."

The following day (December 22) Wake defenders reported that they had sustained still another attack by air, but that enemy ships and a transport moving in. This landing attempt was in great force, but two destroyers were put out of commission by the marines before the Japs could effect a landing.

For many hours the issue was in doubt. On December 23, Tokyo announced that Wake Island was completely occupied by Japanese forces.

The Navy Department was quick to admit that all communications with Wake had ceased. It estimated approximately 2,000 miles of Honolulu, Wake Island was of a chain of small naval air bases desired for the use of the Navy's long-range patrol planes. It was used as a stopping point for B-24 Pacific clipper planes.

Admitted "Probable Capture."

After reporting repeated attacks on Guam, the Navy Department announced on December 13 that it was unable to communicate with the island either by radio or cable. It added that "the capture of the island is probable." At that time there were reported to be about 400 naval personnel and 155 marines on the island.

Fewer than 400 marines held Wake Island for 14 days against all-out Japanese attack. Day after day the Navy announced that Wake Island was still holding, and the dogged resistance of the defenders became a saga of bravery. The handful of men beat off the Japs with 12 fighter planes, six 5-inch, 51 caliber guns; twelve 3-inch anti-aircraft guns, eighteen 50-caliber anti-aircraft guns and thirty 30-caliber anti-aircraft guns, plus the usual small weapons.

Indication that the defenders went down fighting was given in an announcement on December 23 that two enemy destroyers were put

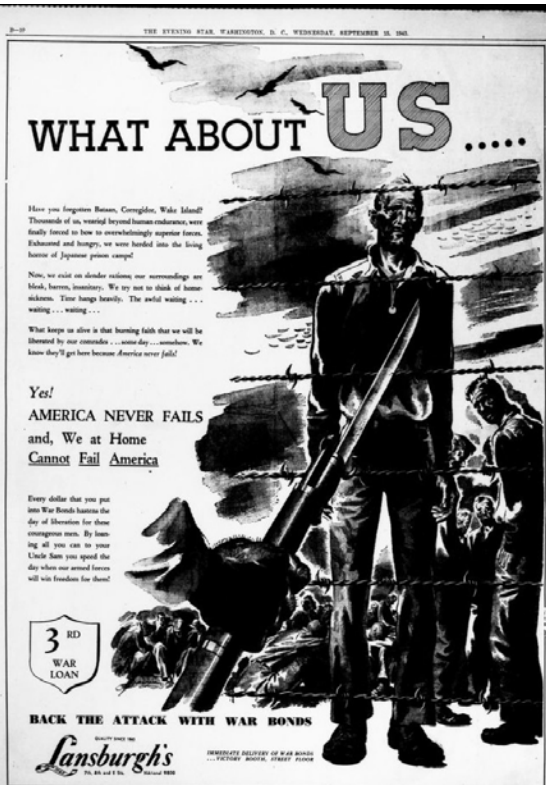
Island and 18 months after enlisting won his commission. Since, he has won official recognition by Navy medals in action in China and Nicaragua and has served at many posts, among them Quantico, San Diego, Honolulu, Peiping and Wake Island.

Presumed He Was Taken.
 Maj. Devereux's mother, wife, sisters and brothers have long been aware that he must have been taken prisoner, in the absence of official word since the last message from Wake, December 22, admitted "the issue is in doubt."

Also among those believed by the Navy to have become Japanese prisoners when Wake Island fell are Maj. Potter, Capt. Tharnt, Lt. Lewis, Lt. Robinson, Sergt. Paszkiewicz and the three civilians.

Maj. Potter, whose home is Annapolis, was born there May 20, 1906 and was graduated from the Naval Academy in 1927 to be appointed a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps. He has served in Nicaragua, the Philippines and

Probable capture . . .



Source: Chronicling America: *Evening Star* (Washington, D.C.), Sept. 15, 1943, p. B-10, Image 31 (Accessed 2-21-2021) See <https://www.fold3.com/page/626835788/james-devereux-1903/photos> Document below declassified by NARA 12-31-2012. [image right from local newspaper]

More than a year after the capture of American Pacific territories of Wake and Guam, appeals to raise war bonds and to support our POWs was prominent in most newspapers. Appeals, such as “Have you forgotten Bataan, Corregidor, Wake Island?” were intended to pull at people’s heart strings and wallets!

Who was on Wake in December 1941?

“By December 4, 1941, the atoll’s American garrison numbered only 524 officers and men— 449 Marines, 69 sailors, and a six-man radio detachment from the US Army. Three hundred and eighty-nine Marines belonged to the Wake Island Detachment, 1st Defense Battalion. That was only a third of the number needed to properly man the twelve 3-inch antiaircraft guns, six 5-inch seacoast guns, six searchlights, eighteen .50-caliber antiaircraft machine guns, and thirty .30-caliber machine guns that Kimmel sent to defend the atoll. The other 62 Leathernecks belonged to Marine Fighting Squadron (VMF) 211, which brought 12 Grumman F4F-3 Wildcat fighters to operate from Wake’s pounded coral runways.” (Source: <https://www.nationalww2museum.org/war/articles/battle-of-wake-island-1941>)

What was the outcome for Devereux?

Fold3 website has photos and documents relating to Devereux. The document on the left details the capture of Wake and on right, he writes a letter of inspiration from a Japanese POW camp in China to his son . . . He survived the war, but so many others were not that fortunate.

The surrender was made at about 0830 and it took about two hours to notify all the isolated groups on Wake which were still continuing resistance. Major Devereux, escorted by Japanese, was taken by boat to Wilkes and the surrender was completed at about 1400.

Upon receipt of the report that a landing was being made, I was instructed by the Commander-in-Chief, Pacific, to keep him informed as to the progress of the engagement. Shortly after the report of the approaching enemy I sent a dispatch in plain to the submarine which I thought was still present, notifying him of the attack. CincPac intercepted this and informed me "No friendly vessels are in your vicinity." I sent several dispatches to CincPac, the last at about 0630 reporting the grounded destroyers and the approach of several more combatant vessels and transports. After daylight the radio could no longer be used as Japanese planes were patrolling the island, bombing and strafing all localities showing signs of life. The antenna for the transmitter was of the mast type and to erect it in sight of the planes would have been suicidal.

When the decision to surrender was made, all codes, ciphers and other confidential matter were ordered destroyed.

A summary of Japanese material losses in the subduing of Wake Island appear to be by conservative estimate:

- 3 destroyers
- 1 light cruiser
- 1 submarine
- 8 twin-engined bombers
- 3 carrier-based fighters
- 1 four-engined seaplane

Considerably greater claims have been made by various witnesses but have not yet been confirmed.

No information is available by which an estimate of enemy personnel losses can be made.

The Marine Fighting Plane Squadron with a strength of 89 had 33 killed and 16 wounded in action. Of two naval enlisted men who worked with the squadron, one was wounded twice. The Commanding Officer, Major Putnam, was twice wounded.

No final data is at hand to make possible a summary of casualties to members of the other naval activities. It is desired that an additional report be made later when reports from all subordinates have been received. So far (January 3, 1946) only that of Major Putnam has come to hand.

On the basis of present information, it is desired to cite the following for eminent and conspicuous service: the entire personnel of Marine

Imprisoned Hero Consoles His Son

From: * Major J. P. S. Devereux, USMC
Barracks No. O, Room No. C-1.

Shanghai War-prisoner's Camp.
April 27, 1943.

To: Mr. Patrick Devereux
c/o Colonel J. P. Welch
GMC., U. S. Army
Governor's Island, New York.

Dear Paddy:

Our loss must have indeed been a shock to you; it was to me. We both loved her so much. I only wish that I could be with you but you are indeed fortunate to have your grand-parents to watch over you. I made a broadcast recording to you last fall. Do hope

In your mother's letter she said you were doing well in church and school. Keep up the good work. You will find both extremely necessary in later life.

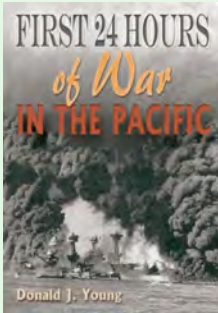
Your mother wrote that you were "throwing your weight around" the post on account of the Wake Island Marines. They did quite well and I am proud of them but remember that it just so happened that we were there. Anyone else would have done the same. You must remember that the work done behind the lines is often more vital than that at the front.

Be sure and write everyone saying you have heard from me and give them my love.

Your affectionate father,
Daddy

Exclusive photo of a letter by Lieut. Col. James P. Devereux to his son, Paddy, 10. He received it at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. J. W. Welch of Burlingame, Calif. Devereux was a major stationed on Wake Island when the Japanese attacked. When Devereux was asked if he wanted anything he replied with the now historic phrase: "Send us more Japs!"

Hope you Enjoyed January 11, 2021 Opening Lecture “Japanese Strategic War Objectives”



Fall of American Outpost: Guam & Wake Island presentation

Link to the March 8, 2021 presentation on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wGzLkbHZyYE> (YouTube repeat starts 3/13/21). Be sure to login to the live webinars to join our online audience and then you will have an opportunity for Q&A following upcoming presentations!

Fall of American Outpost: Guam & Wake Island . . . This is one of a series of lectures/presentations about the war in the Southwest Pacific Theater with some attention to the threat to Australia.

The lecture will include discussion of these targets : 1) Pearl Harbor 2) Malaya 3) Singapore 4) Hong Kong 5) Philippines 6) Wake 7) Midway 8) SS *Cynthia Olson* torpedoed on the high seas)

Suggested reading for this region of the Pacific War: Ian W. Toll, *Pacific Crucible: War at Sea in the Pacific, 1941-1942* (editor's note) This book examines in depth Nimitz and Halsey's operations and strategies and is very readable. Fascinating reading and a good preparation for the first and subsequent lectures in this series. Volume 1 takes the reader through the US victory at the battle for Midway Island.

Historian/author and WWII Round Table John Shively member presented the first in a series of GoTo webinar lectures for this winter and coming 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? Please contact John Shively at indjcs@aol.com or 765-491-7010 or go to WWII RT webpage for information & link. Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.**

- **Fall of American Outposts—Guam & Wake [3/8@7; 3/13@4] Our program at Northside Social on 3/22!**
 - **Fall of British Outposts: Malaya, Singapore & Hong Kong [5/11@7; 5/16@4]**
 - **Possible topic: Fall of American Outpost—The Philippines [4/13@7; 4/18@4]**
- Upcoming programs have been updated to add more in-depth coverage of campaigns**

If you found the 1942 news clips interesting reading, I recommend going to *Chronicling America* at this link: <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/> It is possible to search by date, key words, etc. This month I selected news “1941-1942” with key word, such as “Guam” . The WWII newspapers are great resources for maps, etc.. **Here is a link to a news article reporting fall of Guam:** <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn83045462/1941-12-13/ed-1/seq-1/1941&index=15&rows=20&words=GUAM+Guam&searchType=basic&sequence=0&state=&date2=1942&proxtext=Guam&y=9&x=13&dateFilterType=yearRange&page=1date1=1941&index=15&rows=20&words=GUAM+Guam&searchType=basic&sequence=0&state=&date2=1942&proxtext=Guam&y=9&x=13&dateFilterType=yearRange&page=1>

(Accessed 2-21-2021)

[right] Check out this article from the **National WWII Museum** website: <https://www.nationalww2museum.org/war/articles/battle-of-wake-island-1941>

LAST POST FOR LATE WW2 RT MEMBER JAMES O'DONNELL'S WIFE , MARY



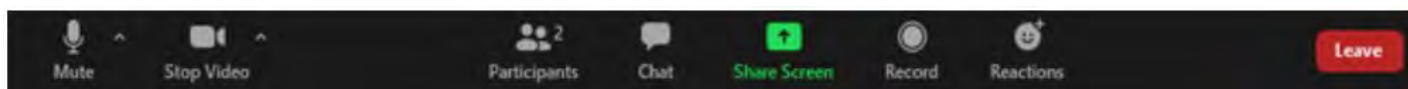
Indianapolis - Mary Alice (Gearns) O'Donnell, 99, of Indianapolis passed away January 16, 2021 at Franciscan Hospice House after living 8 years at St Paul Hermitage. Mary Alice was born in Indianapolis September 18, 1921 to her parents, the late Jim and Mary (Kennedy) Gearns. She was predeceased by brothers Charles, William and Robert and sister Elizabeth "Betty". She was also predeceased by her husband James "Jimmy" O'Donnell, the sole resident survivor of the USS Indianapolis and retired Indianapolis Firefighter. Jimmy and Mary Alice had just celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary prior to his death. Many of our members may remember hearing Jimmy's story of survival from the sinking of the USS *Indianapolis* in July 1945.

Review of zooming how-to: please take a few minutes to become comfortable with Zoom. Use the link below to read about how to get set up and how to use the Zoom system. It very easy and has great potential. It is a Zoom Tutorial.

https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362033-Getting-Started-on-Windows-and-Mac#h_97174a74-246a-4e54-8e9c-22b55cd0b665 **To join a meeting: you only need to click on link available on our website or in this newsletter which is provided by our tech guru, Charlie Russell.** Just a reminder, there are a couple tips before your join one of our a sessions. **You may have the option to join meeting session with or without video.** If you join with video, be sure lighting in front of you so that your image is viewable, not a dark silhouette and set your camera (laptop) pretty much level with your face. As soon as the Host opens the meeting you will be immediately entered. I suggest that everyone do this well before the start time of the meeting. 10-15 minutes is not too early, or in other words between 6:45-7:00. After all, you do not want to miss the opening of the meeting! **BE SURE YOU ARE MUTED ONCE YOU LOG ON! BACKGROUND NOISE AND TALKING CARRIES ACROSS MICROPHONES TO OUR SPEAKER**

Zoom protocol for Our Meetings

Not everyone should speak at once. Normally, the moderator will mute everyone then ask the next speaker to unmute. The mute icon is a microphone at the bottom left corner. **Move your cursor to that area; this turns the selection bar on and you may unmute when you are asked to share your story, then re-mute yourself when done.** For our audience, there is a "Chat" icon at the bottom middle of your screen. If you click on it everyone attending the meeting is listed. You can select their name and send them a chat text message while the meeting is going on. You can also send "Everyone" a text message. Response back to you will be indicated by a number in the chat icon . If you need to step away from the meeting to get a cup of coffee, kiss the wife or let the dog out you can "Stop Video" at the lower left of your screen. If you have entered a picture of yourself in your Zoom account profile that image will appear. When you return to the meeting click 'Start Video ' and your camera's image will come back on-line. **If you have any questions ahead of the meeting, email OR call: Charlie Russell 317-872-2800, charlierru@aol.com**



2021 Goals? Read more books . . . We suggest our WWII RT Authors

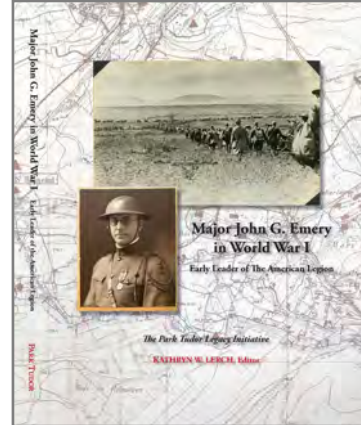
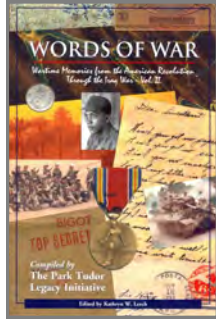
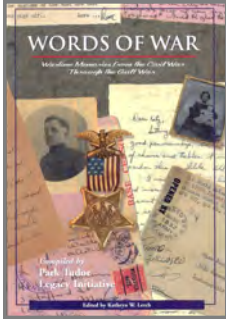
Please consider supporting our Roundtable member-authors who have some excellent books for that special veteran, friend or family member. Feel free to contact any of them if you have questions about which book might be the perfect one! **Richard Osborne (Ozzie)** 317-849-3680 **Kathryn Lerch** (for Park Tudor's Legacy Project) 317-251--8661 **Kayleen Reusser** 260-273-9264 **John Shively** 765-491-7010 **Ronald P. May** 317-435-7636

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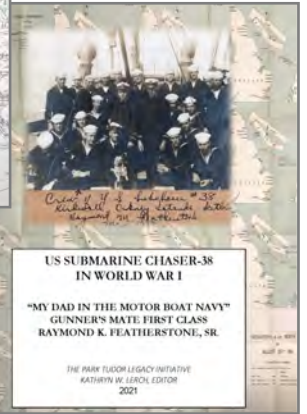
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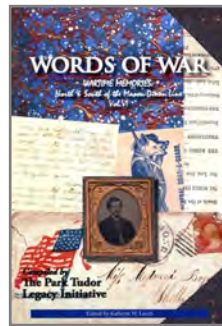
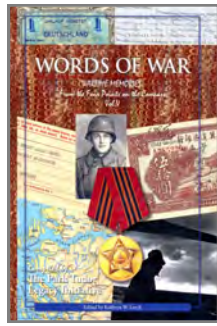
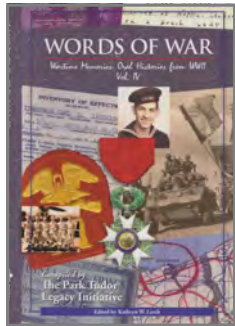
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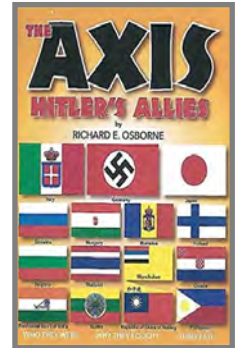
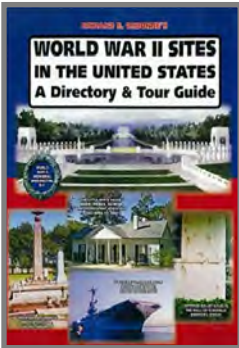
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Title	Description	Number
WWII Sites in the United States	This book identifies and locates the hundreds of military facilities that existed in the United States during World War II - Army camps, airfields, naval bases, prisoner of war camps, ordnance plants, ports of embarkation, military hospitals, buildings and homes related to the war effort or any famous individuals of the wartime era, and much more. At many of these sites, memorials have been erected which are not listed in this book because they are so numerous. These memorials can be located by utilizing the companion book - World War II Museums, Memorials, and Historic Displays in the United States.	
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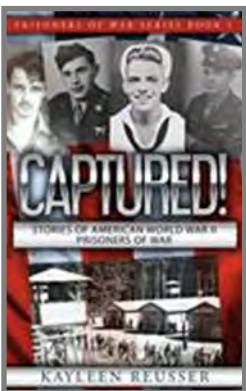
Bluffton, Ind.—Indiana author Kayleen Reusser, known for writing several series of books featuring stories centered on World War II, has just completed a second book in fall 2020. This title, *We Defended Freedom: Adventures of World War II Veterans*, is Book 4 in her WWII Legacies series. It includes the stories of 28 World War II veterans from various branches of the U.S. military. All but two of the veterans hail Indiana. The exceptions are a veteran from Virginia along with Woody Williams, the only living World War II Medal of Honor recipient from Kentucky.

Reusser's stories include an officer of an aircraft carrier, an Army soldier at D-Day, a sailor who was stationed at Cuba, and a pilot who flew in the South Pacific. Among the compilation are stories of two women who served in the Army as a WAC (Women's Army Corps) and in the WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service).

"It is exciting to present another group of World War II veteran stories to readers," said Reusser. "This collection of four books tells about the war, not from the generals' point of view, but from the viewpoint of the soldier, sailor and airman. They are how we won the war and why we have our freedoms today. My goal is to present stories in an exciting and factual way that will help readers appreciate what our veterans have done for us." Reusser has written books in other series: *Witnesses of War*; *World War II Insider*.

Since 2014, Reusser has published books of stories of America's oldest military veterans. "Documenting how past wars have helped to shape the world of today has been a rewarding challenge," she said. She releases new titles near Veteran's Day to commemorate and show appreciation for that group of citizens.

Reusser is the wife and mother of U.S. Air Force airmen. "I firmly believe we need to teach people about patriotism because if we don't reinforce its importance, we could be in a position to lose it," she said. "My method of presenting it is through sharing veterans' stories. My books are part of a continued effort to preserve our national military heritage."



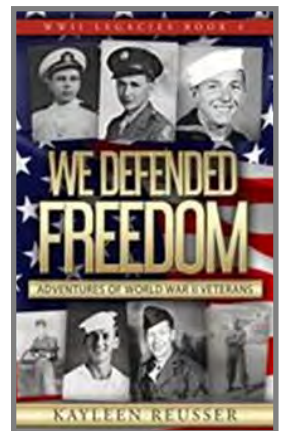
Reusser recently completed a book of Prisoner of War stories entitled *Captured! Stories of American WWII Prisoners of War (Prisoner of War series)*. [JUST RELEASED 11/20]

She has also finished a coloring book featuring women from World War II whom she has interviewed. "The coloring book could encourage people of all ages to become familiar with women who volunteered to serve in the military when much of society disapproved," she said. "I admire them for their pluck."

Reusser has presented many talks about her interviews with 260 World War II veterans. She is booking virtual events for 2021. To learn more about these presentations, and/or to schedule Reusser for a speaking event, visit her website

at www.KayleenReusser.com.

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