



From the Desk of Roundtable President Charles Holt

November & December 2022 Newsletter www.WWIIroundtable.com

Greetings! I hope you are enjoying the Roundtable as much as I am! The speakers are vetted as much as possible and we try to limit them to 45 minutes...which is VERY hard! Encourage/bring friends with you; buy them their meal and follow up with them the next month. We can only keep going if keep getting paying members and buying the dinners/drawing tickets at the Northside Events and Social Club. Always RSVP/bring something for the drawing/think about making a donation. We run on a shoestring and every dollar counts. For a good read, check out Georg von Trapp on Wikipedia. I know of some of his hair-raising WWI U-boat exploits NOT in Wikipedia. I even met Maria, once!

Charles Holt, D.O.

November 28 & December 5, 2022, 7:00 PM

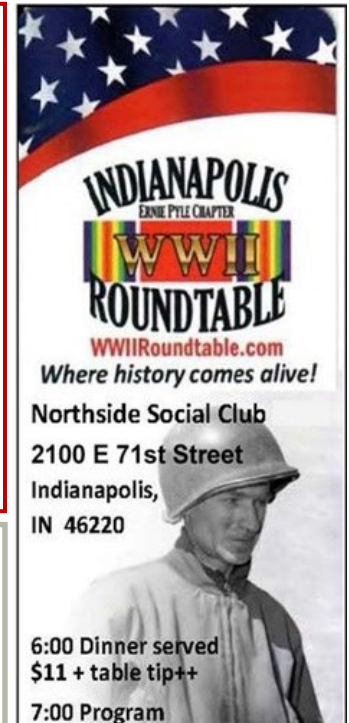
Dinner 6-7:00 at North Side Social! Please RSVP

7:00: Trivia Presentations by Dick Coy 7:15 Featured Program

November 28th: Brad Damon, Speaker "Air Ace and Allied Agent in WWII" Learn more about Tom Cassaday. He went to Vichy, France ostensibly as naval attaché for air under Adm. William D. Leahy, American Ambassador to the Vichy, Government, but his real assignment was undercover work. . .



December 5th: Karl Kleinbub interviews Jerry Greenberg, a WWII & Korean War Merchant Marine Seaman



Round Table Board

Chuck Holt, President
William Ervin, 1st VP
Kathryn Lerch, 2nd VP
Treasurer, Lucy Parker
Asst Treas., Richard Eisgruber
Meeting Arrangements: Karl & Jan Kleinbub
At Large: Brad Damon, Travis Petrie and Marlene Mendonsa
Web/Audio/Visual: Travis Petrie & a volunteer

Regular Monthly Dinner \$11++ Join us in person if you are able! Be sure to send your RSVP to Karl Kleinbub ASAP: knj1002@mylinestar.net or phone 317- 607- 6948. **no later than Thursday prior to Monday's program!** A head count for Northside Social is very important. Also, please have CASH in exact change \$11 ++ tip for your meal. You do not want to miss the opportunity either for the book / artifact drawing: \$5.00 per ticket. Alan Andrews always has a great selection of "gems" as does Travis Petrie with WW2 era books and more.

Upcoming December Program



Sturdy cargo ships fill the sea lanes leading to all fronts, bearing guns, tanks, and planes for the United Nations. The Liberty ships are visible in this section of the convoy. Photo by U.S. Navy. Office of Public Relations, 1942.

"To win a world war, the Allies needed men and matériel transported around the globe. The US Merchant Marine undertook this challenge, serving as a vital link between America's Arsenal of Democracy and the fighting fronts. Frequently protected by naval and Coast Guard escorts, civilian merchant mariners and sailors of the US Naval Armed Guard risked their lives to deliver the goods. Their crucial role in achieving Allied victory came at a heavy price, as mariners suffered the highest casualty rate among American service branches in the war."—WWII The National WWII Museum New Orleans Check out their website: <https://www.nationalww2museum.org/war/articles/merchant-marine-world-war-ii>

Photo (left) by U.S. Navy. Office of Public Relations, 1942. //hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/fsa.8e01532

Message from the WW2 RT Board of Directors . . . Dues & Membership Records

The Board is most appreciative of our membership's financial support and growing attendance during 2022! It does take a village to make our monthly programs and dinners possible. Your enthusiasm for our programs and helpful suggestions make our jobs easier. Following our dinner meetings the board remains to conduct business and update program plans, etc. As we are moving into the later part of 2022, the board has recommended that **any new membership dues paid between October and December will count for the year 2023**. It is too complicated to pro-rate dues, but we want to encourage growing our membership. So, yes, **you may pay ahead for 2023**, and you will not need a reminder in January 2023. **In addition, our membership records are only as good as the information and updates provided to us! Therefore, if you have any changes (phone, email, mailing address) please note this below. Bring this slip to a dinner meeting or email Lucy and Karl. They update our membership database. Dues are: Veteran Family \$20.00; Non-Veteran Family \$25.00; WWII Veterans/widows FREE Membership 'Thank you' if you paid your 2023 Dues at our September meeting! NOTE: If you recently paid dues or gave donations online with Paypal, our organization still needs contact information from you. PayPal does not provide this! Please email information requested below to: Lucy Parker and Karl Kleinbub. NOTE: We will be discontinuing PayPal as a payment provider on 12/31/2022! After January 1, 2023 our treasurer will accept cash or checks at the dinner made out to WW2 Round Table or checks mailed to our PO box:**

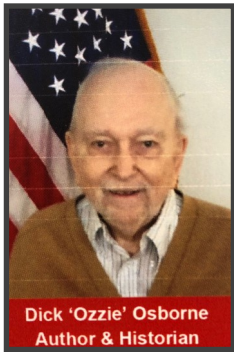
WWII Roundtable Post Office Box 1965, Noblesville, IN 46061

Print Name: _____ Phone: _____

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WW2 Veteran? Yes No If yes, branch & period of service _____

Please send any changes to your home address, phone number or email to [Lucy Parker Lucee30@att.net](mailto:LucyParkerLucee30@att.net) and [Karl Kleinbub: <knj1002@myinestar.net>](mailto:KarlKleinbub@myinestar.net)

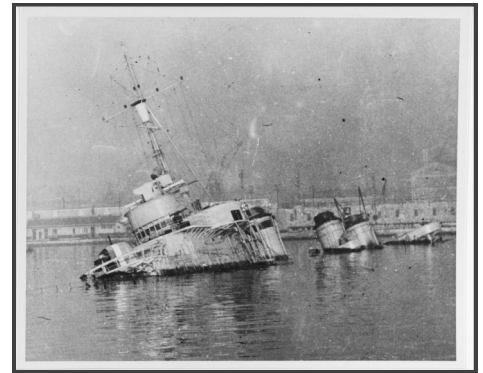


WW 2 TRIVIA FOR November & December 2022

Inspired by Ozzie's earlier trivia reports . . . © World War II Trivia: Richard Osborne,

Eighty Years ago! . . . on November 16, 1942 . . .

- ◆ Operation TORCH ended in Allied victory
- ◆ The Kokoda Track campaign ended in Allied victory
- ◆ The Naval Battle of Casablanca Nov 8-16 ended in American victory (See also links: <https://www.thoughtco.com/naval-battle-of-casablanca-2360516> and <https://www.history.navy.mil/content/history/museums/nmusn/explore/photography/wwii/wwii-north-africa-campaign/naval-battle-of-casablanca.html>)
- ◆ German Submarine U-173 was depth charged and sunk off Casablanca by American warships
- ◆ November 27: Scuttling of the French fleet in Toulon: This was intended to keep the fleet out of the hands of German forces. 3 battleships, 7 cruisers, 15 destroyers, 12 submarines and 13 torpedo boats were among the ships scuttled. See <https://www.history.navy.mil/content/history/nhnc/our-collections/photography/numerical-list-of-images/nhnc-series/nh-series/NH-42000/NH-42773.html>
- ◆ November 28: The Coconut Grove nightclub fire killed 492 people in Boston.
- ◆ November 30: The Battle of Tassafaronga was fought off Tassafaronga Point, Guadalcanal



- ◆ *Eighty-one years ago!* on December 7, 1941, **Japan staged a surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, decimating the US Pacific Fleet.**
- ◆ When Germany and Italy declared war on the United States days later, America found itself in a global war. Propaganda poster developed by the Office of War Information following the attack on Pearl Harbor. . . . A year later, On December 12, 1942 (Saturday) **The Germans began Operation Winter Storm**, an attempt to break the Soviet encirclement of the 6th Army at Stalingrad. The Soviets began a winter offensive codenamed Operation Little Saturn.

IN CASE YOU MISSED THIS . . .

LAST CALL FOR POWERS' TRIP . . .

Gary Powers' Cold War Espionage Tour of Germany and the Czech Republic

10 days/8 nights

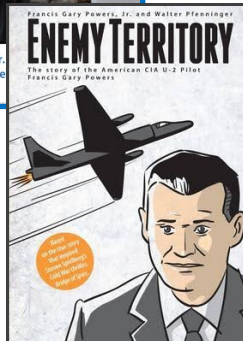
Travel Dates: March 19 to 28, 2023



What's Included:

- Round-trip air transportation from Washington, DC including air-related taxes and fees
- 8 nights in well-located three and four-star hotels in double or triple occupancy

Join author and historian Gary Powers, Jr. on a 10-day tour of Cold War and Espionage in Germany and the Czech Republic



Registration for Powers' trip ends in November. Please go to our WW2 Round Table website for the full flyer and more information about this trip.

Here is Gary Powers, Jr. latest book—a graphic novel: “On May 1, 1960, Francis Gary Powers, the pilot of an American U-2 spy plane, was shot down while flying through Soviet airspace. Powers was convicted of espionage. In February 1962, however, he was traded for a captured Soviet spy, Rudolf Abel.

This is a graphic interpretation of those events. “ Go to this site to purchase this as well as other books by Gary Powers, Jr.:

<https://garypowers-101839.square.site/>

Some Round Table Programs coming in 2023 . . .

See you again January 23, 2023! (That has a nice “ring” to it!)

- ♦ **January: Ron May** — Volume III of Veterans' Stories
- ♦ **February: Kathryn Lerch** —Alma De Luce with AP Press Reporter Husband, Dan during WWII
- ♦ **March: Jack Eder** — Pvt Robert J. Walen, US Army
- ♦ **April??** —perhaps a program recommended by one of our members?

Please send us suggestions for future programs in 2023! We are always looking for new and interesting topics, while featuring our WWII veterans and their stories.

Get ready for the holidays! Don't forget to check out earlier newsletters as well about new books available for purchase.