

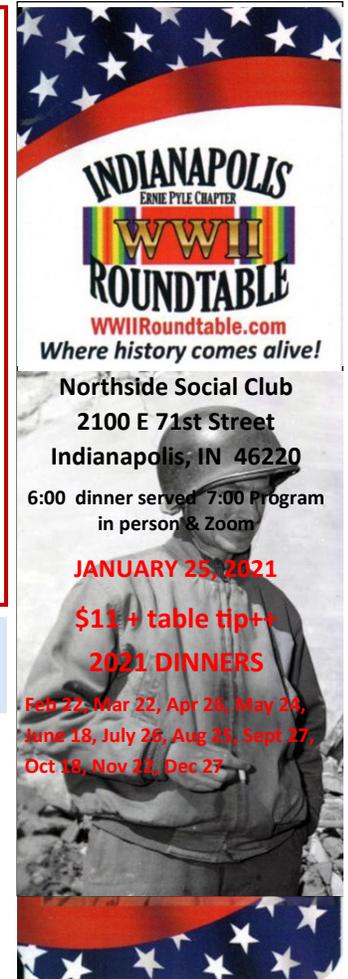


From the Desk of Roundtable President Charles Holt

January 2021 Newsletter www.WWIIroundtable.com

Happy New Year to all! Hopefully this year will see the end of COVID and we can all get together, each month, at the Northside Events and Social Club (Knights of Columbus). Our every 4th Monday monthly program will be this 25th and will be Zoom, only, just like last month, due to the pandemic, at 7PM (1900) (just go to our website and click on the highlighted hyperlink on the newsletter notice). We enjoyed some great military stories at the Zoom only 28 DEC 2020 meeting/program from Ozzie and several of our members. I have run into several members and guests over the past month, at work and they are VERY pleased that our Roundtable is weathering the pandemic. Please join or renew your membership or/and make a donation. We must have paying members to keep our website up and running. We always have run on a shoestring and everyone volunteers their time. Ask for help with Zoom if you need to/tell others about us!!!

Charles Allen Holt, D.O.



January 25, 2021, 7:00 PM via Zoom



Dinner 6-7:00 at your home!

7:00 Greetings & 7:10 Ozzie's Trivia Report & Featured Video Program

Gerald Mansbach's World War II Memories

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January 25th is the tragic anniversary of the death of eight of his fellow men at arms in Belgium in 1944. He will reflect on their loss quietly at home this evening instead of meeting in person.

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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;
WW2 Veterans free

Join us for an exceptional story—this runs almost two hours, but it is an incredible tribute to Mansbach, to his remarkable story-telling ability, and his brave, very young men. His interview was recorded by the Carmel Clay Historical Society and we have permission to share this with our members. We invited him to join us for the January program in person, but he prefers to commemorate this date at home. Let's join him in spirit however and remember his valiant service and that of his men. *Read more about his story on page 6*

Meeting Protocol Reminder

Our January Dinner/Program will once again be a Zoom meeting **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! Since we will be attending virtually, the Zoom program will begin at 7 P.M., so please sign in between 6:45 and 6:55.

INFORMATION DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER February 1th 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.

It's a new year. . . And this is an important 2021 Dues Reminder!

Welcome to 2021!

***Please renew your membership in the Ernie Pyle WWII Round Table promptly.
Your dues payment is vital to the support our mission:***

- To provide excellent programs focused on WWII & military history
- To provide gratis membership for our WWII veterans & thank them with our specially designed Challenge Coin
- To cover travel expenses & speaker fees for non-local & nationally recognized speakers; provide Certificates of Recognition to our speakers; support acquisition of raffle items
- To cover publicity, financial expenses related to WWII RT website, printing bookmarks, and fees for a 501c3 organization

Please mail your check (non-ww2 veteran \$20 /non-veteran \$25) payable to: WWII Roundtable Inc. P.O. Box 1965, Noblesville, IN 46061 or go to our website (wwiiroundtable.com) and pay conveniently and safely online

For future planning purposes, the board would like to make the dues-paying process as easy and painless as possible. **Dues are due on January 1 each year.** A dues reminder is sent in December. Dues received after February 1, 2021 may incur a late fee of \$10.00 Those not paying their dues within a reasonable amount of time (March 1), will be automatically dropped from membership. Membership reinstatement is possible upon payment of dues (and late fee if applicable). —WWII Round Table Board of Directors

Help us reach our goal of 100% dues participation! Thank you for your continued support!

PAYMENT DUE IMMEDIATELY!

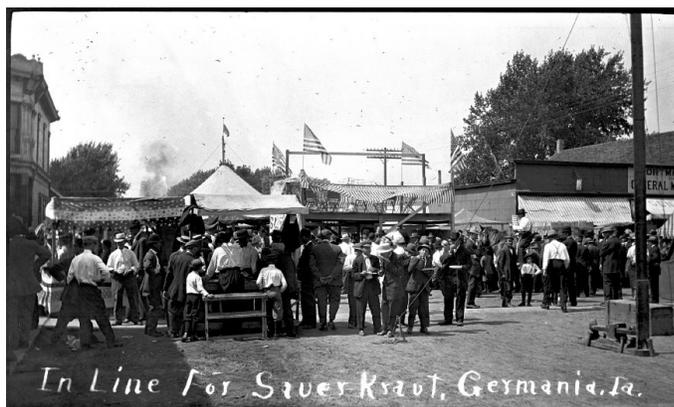
WW II TRIVIA for January 2021



- On January 1, 1946 Emperor Hirohito went on Japanese radio and renounced his divinity.
- He said it had been nothing more than a historical myth.
- In mid 1940, just before declaring war on France, Mussolini boasted that his Italian military could recover the whole of the old Roman Empire.
- In many US aircraft factories, midgets were employed because they could get into tight places to do construction work.
- General Patton's personal jeep had specially cushioned seats.
- US atomic bombs had built-in radar fuses that sensed the bomb's altitude above the ground. They were set to detonate the bomb at about 1500 feet above ground.
- In Norway after the war the Norwegian Government passed a law called the "War-baby law." The law provided for the records of children born of German fathers and Norwegian mothers to be obscured from the public. It also allowed for the baby's names to be changed if so desired and for their secret adoption. The costs for all of this were added to Norway's war reparation claims against Germany.
- President Truman, when pinning a Congressional Medal of Honor around the neck of a recipient would, on occasion, say, "I would rather have one of these than be President of the United States."
- During WW I rumors of subversive acts by secret German agents in the US ran rampant. Rumors circulated that German sailors were coming ashore from submarines and attending theaters in order to spread influenza germs. It was also rumored that German agents were poisoning wells and putting ground glass in food and medicines. German place names were changed. Berlin, OH became Lincoln, OH, German Street in Cincinnati was renamed English Street and sauerkraut was renamed "liberty cabbage."

A crowd [right] gathers in the streets of Germania, Iowa, (ca 1912) during a Sauerkraut Day celebration. Sauerkraut was renamed "Liberty cabbage" and Germania [Iowa] changed its name to "Lakota" in 1917 when patriotism stoked animosity toward German-Americans during World War I. (State Historical Society of Iowa) For more interesting information about the changing of names, go to:

<https://medium.com/iowa-history/when-sauerkraut-became-liberty-cabbage-bb84f4369d52>

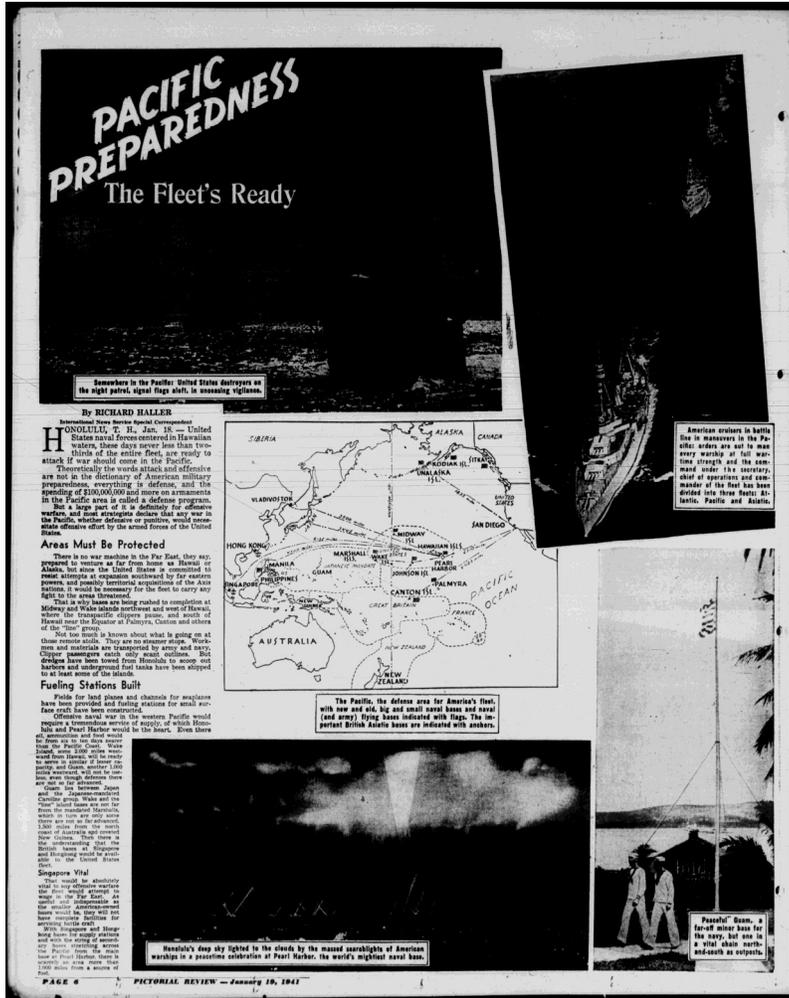


What is special about January 2021?

In light of John Shively's upcoming lecture series and the fact that last month we commemorated the Japanese attack on our Pacific Naval Base at Pearl Harbor, were there any warning signs of trouble to come in January '41?

- **January 16, 1941: US vice admiral Bellinger warns of an assault on Pearl Harbor**
- **January 27, 1941: Peruvian ambassador Ricardo Rivera-Schreiber warns American Ambassador of Japanese assault on Pearl Harbor**

In light of these warnings, what was the general public's understanding of possible war in the Pacific? When the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, why did so many Americans have to look up the location on an atlas? Where was this far away place and why did it matter? The following newspaper page reveals a lot about our public awareness or lack thereof—for an attack against American bases in the Pacific. By Richard Haller, International News Service



Honolulu. T. H., Jan. 18 — United States naval forces centered in Hawaiian waters, these days never less than two-thirds of the entire fleet, are ready to attack if war should come in the Pacific. Theoretically the words attack and offensive are not in the dictionary of American fighting preparedness, everything is defense, and the spending of \$100,000,000 and more on armaments in the Pacific area is called a defense program. But a large part of it is definitely for offensive warfare, and most strategists declare that any war in the Pacific, whether defensive or punitive, would necessitate offensive effort by the armed forces of the United States.

Areas Must be Protected

There is no war machine in the Far East, they say, prepared to venture as far from home as Hawaii or Alaska, but since the United States is committed to resist attempts at expansion southward by far eastern powers, and possibly territorial acquisitions of the Axis nations, it would be necessary for the fleet to carry any fight to the areas threatened.

That is why bases are being rushed to completion at Midway and Wake Islands northwest and west of Hawaii, where the transpacific clippers pause, and

south of Hawaii near the Equator at Palmyra, Canton and others of the "line" group. Not too much is known about what is going on at those remote atolls. There are no steamer stops. Workmen and materials are transported by army and navy. Clipper passengers catch only scant outlines. But dredges have been towed from Honolulu to scoop out harbors and underground fuel tanks have been shipped to at least some of the islands. **Fueling Stations Built** Fields for land planes and channels for seaplanes have been provided and fueling stations for small surface craft have been constructed. Offensive naval war in the western Pacific would require a tremendous service of supply, of which Honolulu and Pearl Harbor would be the heart. Even there oil, ammunition and food would be from six to ten days nearer than the Pacific Coast. Wake Island, some 2,000 miles westward from Hawaii, will be ready to serve in similar if lesser capacity, and Guam, another 1,000 miles westward, will not

be useless, even though defenses there are not so far advanced. Guam lies between Japan and the Japanese-mandated Caroline group. Wake and the "line" island bases are not far from the north coast of Australia and coveted New Guinea. Then there is the understanding that the British bases at Singapore and Hongkong would be available to the United States fleet. **Singapore Vital** That would be absolutely vital to any offensive warfare the fleet would attempt to wage in the Far East. As useful and indispensable as the smaller American-owned bases would be, they will not have the facilities for servicing battle craft. With Singapore and Hongkong bases for supply stations and with the string of secondary-bases stretching across the Pacific from the main base at Pearl Harbor, there is scarcely an area more than 1,000 miles from a source of fuel. [Ed.: Well, so much for advertising our plans to the Empire of Japan!] (From *Detroit Evening Times*, January 19, 1941. Final, War Pictorial, Page 6)



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

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. Next year I will add Midway and Samoa to my tour list as guide. I have had the privilege to give lectures on the Pacific war on three cruises to the Western Pacific over the past six years." Each lecture (January—May) will be on the second Monday evening of the month at 7:00 PM (EST), with a repeat the following Saturday at 4:00 PM. [Post-May dates will be announced later.] **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** **Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.**

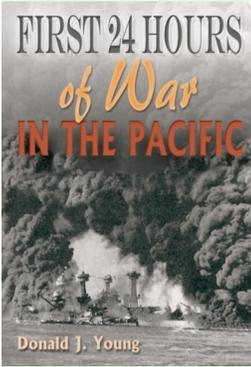
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Before anybody can "attend" the meeting (lecture) one will have to download the GoToMeeting software listed above. Once the GoToMeeting software is downloaded, one does not have to be downloaded again for future lectures. To attend each new lecture, one only has to click on the yellow highlighted link above and follow the instructions. It is simple and only takes a couple of minutes.

People have a week + to get it figured out. January 11th's lecture was recorded and will be post on YouTube for those who missed it. See next page for information on next lecture.

- First 24-Hours of the War [2/8@7; 2/13@4]
- Operation Cartwheel, An Overview [3/8@7; 3/13@4]
- Kokoda Track Campaign [4/13@7; 4/18@4]
- Battle of Milne Bay [5/11@7; 5/16@4]
- Australian Counteroffensive [TBA]
- Guadalcanal, The First Offensive
- Central Solomon's Campaign
- The Sad Fate of Lark Force
- Yamamoto Shoot-down
- The Four Japanese Attacks on the USS *Franklin*, the Purdue Connection
- PT-109, John Kennedy, Plum Pudding Island

John uses GoToMeeting software. Viewers should download this software prior to attending his first program from this site: <https://app.gotomeeting.com/> (free) or use this link: <https://www.gotomeeting.com> He is still working out some minor sound glitches on his end involving special effects on a few of the slides, but each program will be highly informative. All of the lectures are scheduled for the second Monday of the month and they repeat on the following Saturday.



Next Pacific War On-Line Lecture is February 8

(YouTube repeat 2/13) . . . Be sure to join our on-line audience and then you will have an opportunity for Q&A following the presentation! **First Twenty-four Hours of the War in the Pacific**

This series is 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)

Originally as conceived, this series was initially intended for an Australian audience, but provides a solid foundation for studying the campaigns in the Central and Northern Pacific.

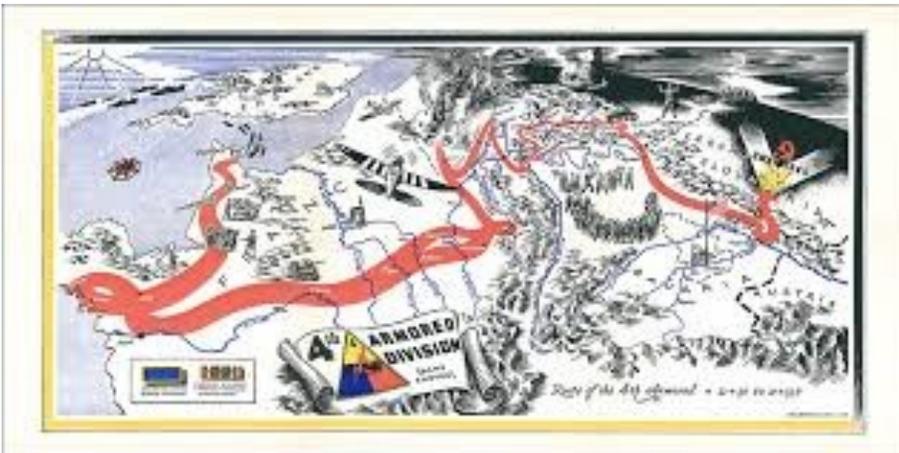
Suggested reading for this region of the Pacific War: Ian W. Toll, ***Pacific Crucible: War at Sea in the Pacific, 1941-1942*** (editor's note) This book examines in depth Nimitz and Halsey's operations and strategies and is very readable. Fascinating reading and a good preparation for the first and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

Of Local Interest to Hoosiers: Gerald Mansbach's WW2 Story

At 94, most of Gerald Mansbach's World War II memories are crystal clear. It's a bit surprising, because he couldn't even remember his own name for several months after being blown out of a Sherman tank on Jan. 25, 1945. The Barrington of Carmel resident, who served as a sergeant in the Army and tank commander in the U.S. Army, has relayed his story to many audiences the last several years. "Gerald's speech was one of the most moving speeches I've ever heard. It was so personal and brought me to tears both times I heard his speech," Barrington resident Claire Campbell said. "I was a kid during World War II, so to hear him speak about it was very moving. It's amazing that at (his age), he still remembered all the places and dates in which things occurred." In 2013, Mansbach was awarded the prestigious French Legion of Honor, originally created by Napoleon Bonaparte. Mansbach's other military honors include a Purple Heart, Silver Star and Bronze Star.

For a little background, "Mansbach's Fourth Armored Division was part of Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army. Mansbach's tank division had just done its part in holding off the German offensive in the Battle of the Bulge. On a fateful January 1945 day, Mansbach was ordered to surveil and report on a German city. After a vicious attack by the Germans at a crossroads, his tank took a direct hit. "I didn't remember what I was doing there or who I was — nothing," he said." Mansbach spent months in hospitals recovering from physical and mental injuries and he was eventually reunited with his family.

Be sure to hear more of his fascinating story on January 25th.



4th Armored Division Tank

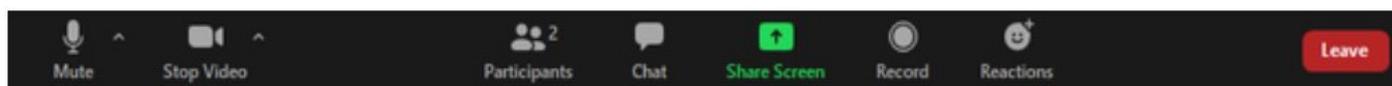
Recommended reading for the Battle of the Bulge and related events: 1) Anthony Beever, *Ardennes 1944: The Battle of the Bulge*, 2) Charles B. MacDonald, *A Time for Trumpets*, 3) Trevor Newitt Dupuy, *Hitler's Last Gamble: The Battle of the Bulge, December 1944-January 1945*, 4) John C. McManus, *The Alamo in the Ardennes*, 5) Dick Winters, *Beyond Band of Brothers: The War Memoirs of Major Dick Winters*, 6) Col. David Pergrin, *Engineering the Victory: The Battle of the Bulge: A History*, 7) George Wilson, *If You Survive: From Normandy to the Battle of the Bulge to the End of WWII, One Officer's Riveting True Story* (this is required reading at West Point—and provides a very descriptive account based on personal experience.)

UPDATE ON ZOOMING OUR MEETINGS



meeting (right)

Our president, Chuck Holt says: "The EASIEST way to view the monthly meeting/program is MERELY to click on the highlighted LINK on the Zoom announcement, which will be posted on our website and in our emails sent from our website (remember, you need to register on the website to receive email notices). [The link is in each month's newsletter, too.] It is VERY simple and you do NOT have to have a Zoom account!!!" If you want all the whistles and bells, you can also sign up, but this is not necessary. In November more than 20 people joined our dinner meeting via Zoom. "Sample" screen shot of video mode for a Zoom



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 the January Meeting

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, charlieerru@aol.com**

New Year's Resolution? Read more books . . . We suggest our WWII RT Authors

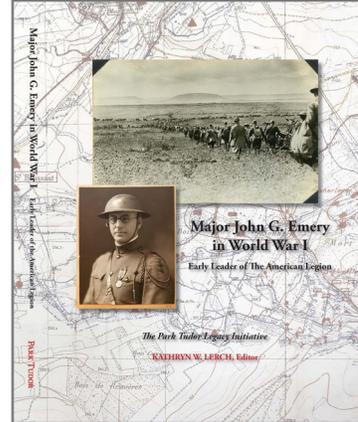
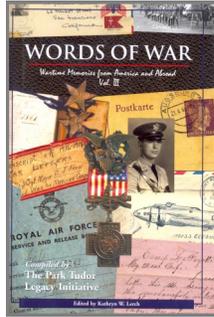
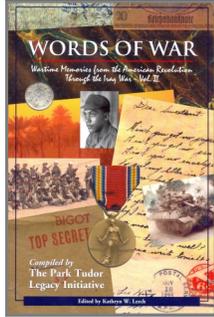
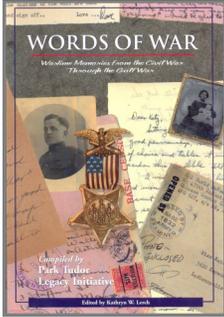
Please consider supporting our Roundtable member-authors who have some excellent books for that special veteran, friend or family member. Feel free to contact any of them if you have questions about which book might be the perfect one! **Richard Osborne** (Ozzie) 317-849-3680 **Kathryn Lerch** (for Park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

Please refer to pages 8-10 for suggestions & order forms!

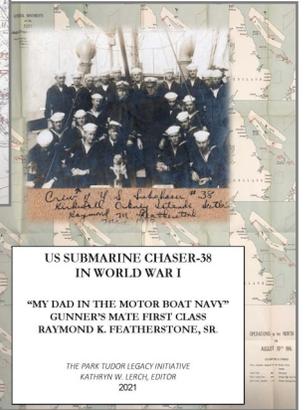
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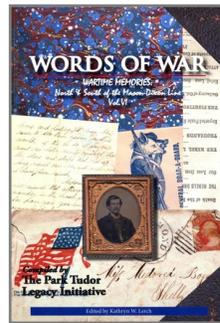
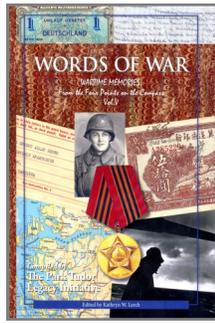
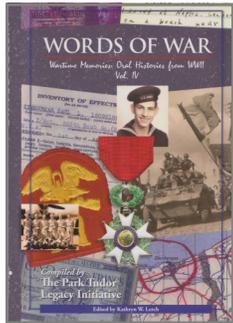
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Newest publication
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Forty accounts from letters, reminiscences and journals from America, the Pacific & Europe	Vol. 1 From Civil War to Gulf War (2002) limited copies available	*\$12		
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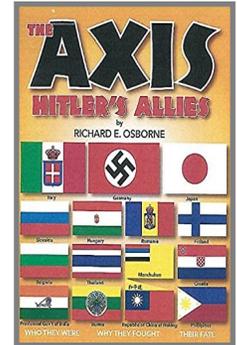
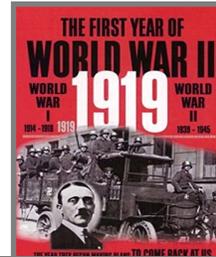
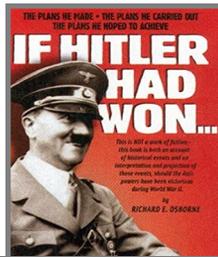
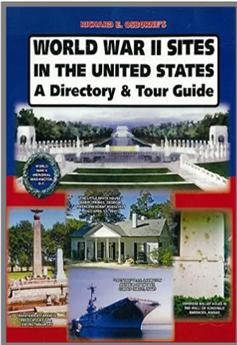
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Richard E. Osborne Selected WWII Books

World War II Roundtable Historian & Trivia Presenter



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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.	
Casablanca	The classic movie "Casablanca" is a WW II story, made during WW II for WW II audiences and is loaded with very accurate WW II history which is fully explained in this book. You will learn the actual calendar days of the events in Casablanca and Paris - why Rick couldn't return to America - why there were Germans in Casablanca - and whether or not there was an actual document known as a "letter of transit." You will learn such things as how Rick ran guns to Ethiopia - what he did while he was fighting for the loyalist in Spain - and what mysterious activities he was up to in Paris. The reader is also informed as to why it was difficult for refugees to get out of Casablanca - why they wanted to go to Lisbon - who the "devil" was in Bulgaria that the Bulgarian woman spoke of - what were the Bulgarian couple's chances of reaching America - the significance of Ilsa and Berger being Norwegians - and the differences between the Vichy French and the Free French... and more.	
If Hitler Had Won	This is an account of the actual plans Hitler made for the time when the Axis powers would be victorious... The postwar fates planned for the United States, Great Britain, the Soviet Union, and Italy are also detailed. Maps of Europe, the Mediterranean area, and parts of Africa project this altered world, circa 1950. Illustrations included in the thought-provoking book feature Hitler's retirement home, designs for future German jet aircraft, the 400,000-seat Nuremberg Stadium, a plan to rebuild Berlin as "Germania," farmhouse designs for the new German settlers in the east, the Me264 "Amerika Bomber," a "Strength Through Joy" advertisement for the Volkswagen and more...	
1919 The First Year of WWII	'The First Year of World War II, 1919', puts forward the idea that the events of 1919 were so significant that they in fact saw the beginning of World War Two, such a short while after the end of the First World War. This book explores the events that took place and discusses their impact. Key events such as Hitler and Mussolini entering politics, the Bolsheviks beginning to win the Russian Civil War and so Stalin gaining power and of course the effect of the severe Treaty of Versailles on an already damaged Germany are covered in detail. But it was not only Europe that saw changes. America entered isolation and prohibition and Japan became a major threat in the far east. All these events undoubtedly had an effect on the war and in turn on the world, but were they the start of the war?	
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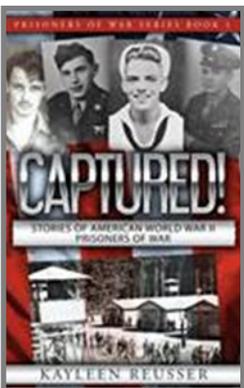
Bluffton, Ind.—Indiana author Kayleen Reusser, known for writing several series of books featuring stories centered on World War II, has just completed a second book in fall 2020. This title, *We Defended Freedom: Adventures of World War II Veterans*, is Book 4 in her WWII Legacies series. It includes 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."



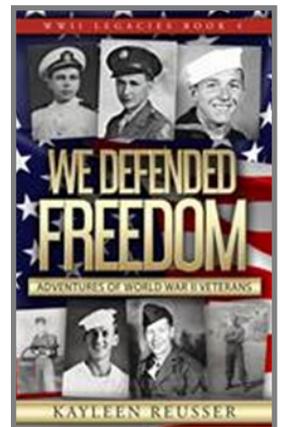
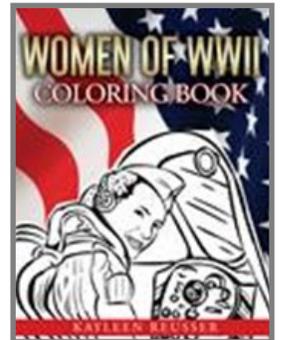
Reusser recently completed a book of Prisoner of War stories entitled *Captured! Stories of American WWII Prisoners of War (Prisoner of War series)*. [JUST RELEASED 11/20]

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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