



From the Desk of Roundtable President Charles Holt

September 2022 Newsletter www.WWIIroundtable.com

Greetings! It certainly is a busy month history-wise! Queen Elizabeth's death/the ongoing Russian war with Ukraine/a new stamp honoring women cryptologists—ALL are tied to WWII—including antebellum/parabellum/postbellum. I actually saw the Queen and Prince Philip the summer of 1976, when I was bicycling/hosteling in Central Europe—they were leaving for the bicentennial celebrations and I happened to be outside of Buckingham Palace when they greeted the crowds. A guest at a couple of our roundtable dinner/programs was assigned to assist her on one of her overseas tours. Get ready for some interesting programs—the board has been busy and ALWAYS needs you to tell us of any potential speakers and to invite folks to our meetings.

Charles Holt, D.O.

September 26, 2022, 7:00 PM In-Person Only

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

7:00: Trivia: William Ervin, 1st VP

"Identifying the Dead from D-Day & Normandy"



7:15 Program

Guest Speaker: Joe Lee

"Forgiveness: The Story of Eva Kor, Survivor of the Auschwitz Twin Experiments" A Graphic Biography

He is the editorial cartoonist for the *Bloomington Herald-Times* and staff illustrator for *Our Brown County Magazine*. A graduate of Indiana University. . .

Books will be available at the dinner for purchase and signing.

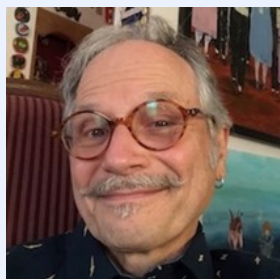


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Regular Monthly Dinner \$11++ Join us in person if you are able! Be sure to send your RSVP to Karl Kleinbub ASAP: knj1002@mytimestar.net or phone 317- 607- 6948. **no later than Sept 22!** A head count for Northside Social is very important. Also, 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.

Guest Speaker September 26, 2022



The program by Bloomington, Indiana author and artist, Joe Lee, will be inspirational. In an article which appeared in *The Herald Times* in October 2021, Lee was intentional about the purpose of his book. Although Kor's story, as well as those of other Holocaust survivors, has been told numerous times before in books and films, Lee hopes his graphic novel will reach a younger audience of high school and possibly junior high students. He was also "careful to ensure it's Eva Kor's voice that's heard throughout." "It's Eva's story," he said. "It's not a story I wanted to editorialize." That point is even more important since Kor is no longer here to tell her own story.

In July 2019, Lee was part of a small group that traveled to Poland to visit Auschwitz II-Birkenau with Kor. She had led such trips for years, sharing details of her life in the concentration camp as well as her eventual public forgiveness of the people who killed her family and held her and her sister captive. Lee's participation in the tour was due in large part to his wife, Bess, who advised him not to delay. Why was Lee drawn (sorry for the unintentional pun) to this special story? Find out more by attending the September dinner!

Preview for Upcoming Programs . . . October: Marine Corporal **Josh Bleill** formerly from Greenfield, IN, enlisted after 9/11. He shares his inspirational story of survival after being critically wounded in the Iraq War. **November:** Brad Damon continues the story of Tom Cassady as "Air Ace and Allied Agent in WWII". **December** will feature a special interview with **Jerome Greenberg: A Merchant Marine in WW2 & Korea**. In January 2023, **USN Chaplain and Round Table member, Ron May** will talk about his latest book of veterans' stories. In February, Kathryn Lerch may feature **WWII traveler and writer, Alma De Luce**. Note, our board prioritizes presentations for our WW2 veterans—hence our topics may change to accommodate them!

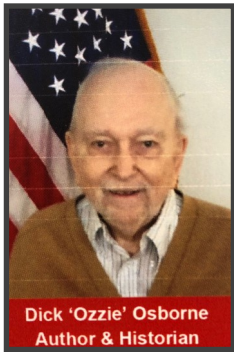
You do not want to miss our upcoming WWII RT programs . . . More than 80 people attended our August program. Be sure to reserve your place now!

Message from the WW2 RT Board of Directors . . . The Board is most appreciative of its membership for their financial support and growing attendance at the monthly meetings 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 dues paid between September and December will be 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, so you do not need a monthly reminder in 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 it here. Bring this to a dinner meeting or email to Karl Kleinbub who updates our membership database. Please pay via website or bring exact cash or check to dinner . Note, **Veteran Family \$20.00; Non-Veteran Family \$25.00; WWII Veterans/widows FREE Membership** ✂-----✂-----✂-----✂-----✂

Print Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Address: _____

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



WW 2 TRIVIA FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

Inspired by Ozzie's earlier trivia reports . . .

◆ **September 1, 1939 Germany invades Poland**, initiating World War II in Europe. September 3, 1939 Honoring their guarantee of Poland's borders, Great Britain and France declare war on Germany. September 17, 1939 The Soviet Union invades Poland from the east.

◆ **September 2, 1945. Japan surrenders and WWII ends.** Japanese forces holding out in the mountains of the island of Luzon in the Philippines had lost all of their communication equipment and were not able to receive orders from Japanese military commands. When Japan surrendered in September 1945, notice of the surrender was delivered to them by balloon (Source: "Encyclopedia Britannica, 1945") Note: **Hiroo Onoda** (19 March 1922 – 16 January 2014) was an Imperial Japanese Army intelligence officer who fought in World War II and was one of two Japanese holdouts who did not surrender at the war's end in August 1945. After the war ended, Onoda spent 29 years hiding in the Philippines until his former commander travelled from Japan to formally relieve him from duty by order of Emperor Shōwa in 1974. (Wikipedia)

◆ [An original example of "fake news"?] Mr Onoda and his colleagues dismissed the leaflets, which detailed the Japanese sur-



render, as fake. The foursome survived by eating dried banana skins, coconuts and stolen rice, and Mr Onoda shot cows to make dried beef on occasion too. The group heard planes flying overhead during the Korean war in the early Fifties, and assumed they were some form of Japanese counter-offensive. Mr Onoda recalled in his memoir that he and comrade Kinshichi Kozuka had "developed so many fixed ideas that we were unable to understand anything that did not conform to them".

(Source: <https://www.express.co.uk/news/history/1602324/world-war-2-japan-treaty-of-san-francisco-70th-anniversary-allies-spt>)

◆ September 4, 1941: [USS Greer](#) [find my photo] becomes the first United States warship fired upon by a German U-boat in the war, even though the United States is a neutral power. Tension heightens between the two nations as a result. The U.S. is now committed to convoy duties between the Western Hemisphere and Europe. On September 11, 1941 FDR orders the United States Navy to shoot on sight if any ship or convoy is threatened.

◆ September 10, 1941: German armies now have Kiev completely surrounded. This encirclement is considered the largest in the history of warfare (by number of troops). The operation ran from 7 August to 26 September 1941, as part of Operation Barbarossa, the Axis invasion of the Soviet Union. [Ed: Kiev has had centuries of struggle against invading threats and Russian aggression in 2022 is not new, but it is worrisome news.]

◆ In 1942, September 9, The first of the two Lookout Air Raids occurred in Oregon. A Japanese Yokosuka E14Y floatplane launched from a submarine dropped two incendiary bombs with the intention of starting a forest fire. The damage done was minor, however. A year later,



◆ September 8, 1943: Marshal Pietro Badoglio announces the surrender of Italy to the Allies, orders Italian forces to "cease all acts of hostility against the Anglo-American forces wherever they may be met"

◆ Eighty years ago, on September 22, 1942, the Germans occupied the center of Stalingrad.

© World War II Trivia: Richard Osborne, 2012 & Wikipedia for September 1941-1942

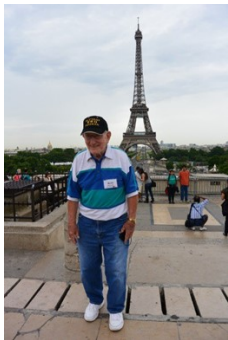
IN CASE YOU MISSED THIS . . .



Remembering John Brill . . .



Lt. Colonel John William Brill USAF passed away peacefully in Noblesville on August 19, 2022. John served as a jet-fighter interceptor squadron commander during the Korean and cold war era, beginning in 1952 at Otis USAF base followed by 15 years of active reserve duty based in Baer Field, Indiana. He piloted the following military aircraft: F-861, F-94C, F-80, F-84F, B-25, along with many civilian aircraft. [More information: <https://www.indystar.com/obituaries/ins140670>] In June 2015, John arrived at our Round Table monthly dinner in style! He gave a quick tour of his unique vehicle—was it a bird, was it a plane—was it a car?! He was a regular attendee at our dinners and he will be missed!



John Brill, James “Andy” Anderson and Bob Begeman also travelled on a special ACIS tour in 2014 with a group of adults and students. Our incredible guide was a Hollander, Albert Van Roermund, who prompted John and our other vets to share their unique stories with fellow travelers. So memorable!

Do you have an interest in a WW2 themed and escorted trip to Europe? If so, please get in touch with Kathryn Lerch. klerch@parktudor.org or 317-251-8661 (landline) Travelers registered before October 1, 2022 have a discount. See pdf of possible tour & special PowerPoint on our WW2 Round Table website. Dates may change slightly and additional day added. As in the past, adults joining this tour will be provided monthly discussion material and a reading list. Registration information will be available at the September dinner and online. Dates for trip June 13-22 may vary slightly and extension may be added.

Go to ACIS.com for more details: https://webapp.acis.com/trips/2023/12602/1/itinerary?initial=overview&program_code=WHS

JUN 13-22, 2023

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Kathryn Lerch
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World War II In Depth

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Round-Trip Flights
- Daily Breakfast and Dinner (unless otherwise noted)
- 3- or 4-Star Hotels
- 24-Hour Tour Manager
- Centrally Located Hotels
- Start Exploring
- Global Network
- All Local Transportation
- Personal Headsets Included Throughout Tour
- London Tour with Guide
- St. Paul's Cathedral
- Cabinet War Rooms and Churchill Museum
- The D-Day Story in Portsmouth
- Portsmouth-Caen Ferry
- Arromanches 360 Degree Theater
- American Cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer
- Pointe du Hoc
- Paris Tour with Guide
- Eiffel Tower Top Floor
- Paris Dinner Voucher
- Munich by Bike
- Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial
- Nuremberg Documentation Center with Audio Guides
- Berchtesgaden

TRIP ITINERARY

10 Days | Overnights: Overnight Flight (1), London (2), Caen (1), Paris (2), Munich (3)