



## From the Desk of Roundtable President Charles Holt

October 2022 Newsletter [www.WWIIroundtable.com](http://www.WWIIroundtable.com)

Greetings and Happy Fall! We are truly blessed in America in so many ways. And our Roundtable is too...so many great speakers. It all depends on the hard work of our board and YOU to seek out/report potential speakers or a story that one of our members can present and to volunteer to help in the process. As well, we can't continue our tradition if we die out like SO MANY roundtables/groups/museums did during the pandemic. So evangelize our Roundtable/pay your dues/donate/bring great stuff for the drawings/bring guests and family/purchase the meal (RSVP as far out as possible)/volunteer to help in any way/tell us ASAP if your contact info changes in any way/volunteer to transport folks who can't drive, etc.. I always hate to hear, "Oh, if I'd only known about your Roundtable I'd would have been coming years ago!"

*Charles Holt, D.O.*

**October 24, 2022, 7:00 PM In-Person Only**

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

**7:00: Trivia Presentation by Andy Fulks**

### 7:15 Guest Speaker Josh Bleill



Our keynote speaker, Josh Bleill, will inspire the audience with the story of his life-changing injuries that ultimately lead to a more purposeful and fulfilling life. He attributes his mission to walk again to his family, his faith, and those who helped his recovery journey. With humor and edge of your seat inspiration, he leaves the audience ready to take on the next challenge, one step at a time. Josh shares how perseverance and determination allow everyone to overcome any obstacle. Josh inspires and motivates, showing that as long as you keep working, there is always a possibility.

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

6:00 Dinner served  
\$11 + table tip++  
7:00 Program

### 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@mytwinetars.net](mailto:knj1002@mytwinetars.net) or phone 317- 607- 6948. **no later than Oct 20!** 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 Programs 2022-2023



**November 28:** Brad Damon will continue the story of Tom Cassady's incredible career, but now staring as "Air Ace and Allied Agent in WWII". Cassaday's 1972 obituary in *The New York Times* provides a preview of this special story:

LAKE FOREST, Ill., July 9— Thomas G. Cassady, who combined careers as a leading undercover agent in World War II and heroic clog fights as an air ace in World War I with prominence in private business, died today of cancer at his residence here. He was 76 years old. When America entered World War II, Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox summoned Mr. Cassady to Washington and told him that French military leaders wanted him to work with the French Underground because of his knowledge of France and its people. He went to Vichy, 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 will feature a special in-person interview by Karl Kleinbub with **Jerome Greenberg: A Merchant Mariner who served in the Pacific during WW2 and Korea.** In January 2023, **Chaplain and Round Table member, Ron May** will talk about his latest book, volume 3 of veterans' stories. In February we also anticipate another super program with 95-year old **Bob Brown**, who was a Sgt. Major in the Marine Corps. He served in WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. Our plans change often in order to accommodate our older veterans as we do not want to miss their stories! The board has another three months' worth of programs in the works as well, but these veterans are our priority! Stay tuned!

### 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 her:**

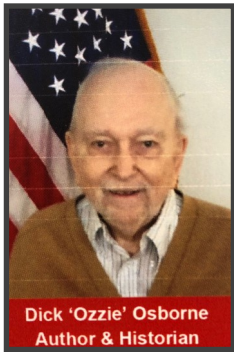
**Lucy Parker 374 Cliff Overlook, Noblesville, IN 46062**

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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 and Karl Kleinbub: <knj1002@myinestarnet.net>**



# WW 2 TRIVIA FOR OCTOBER 2022

Inspired by Ozzie's earlier trivia reports . . .

◆ **Battle of Matanikau River, Guadalcanal Campaign 23-27 Sept and 6-9 October**

Hoosier, Marine Veteran, Lt. Gadi Lawton was in this campaign. "So here I was—a clean, bean, second lieutenant [and] had 400 men under my command." The Japanese forces had planned to wipe out his Marine unit. "We started getting activity from both sides [of the river] coming at us through the jungle. . . We were getting peppered pretty good and getting some casualties." [Photo: Marine Patrol (National Archives)]

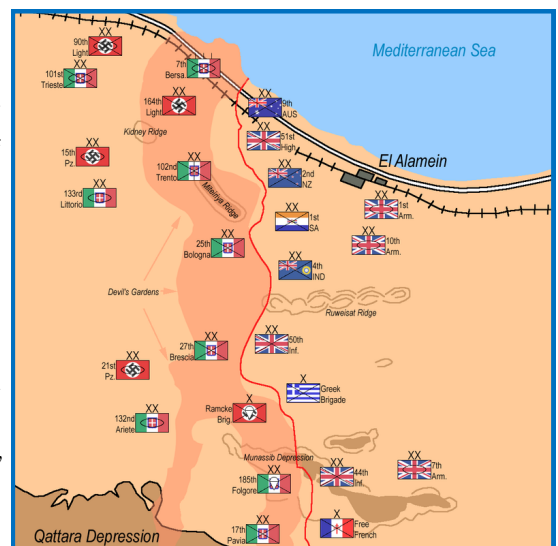


◆ **Second Battle of El Alamein (23 October—11 November 1942)**

The British Eighth Army benefited from ULTRA codebreaking information and deployed effectively. Rommel's tank forces were low on food and fuel, but the tide began to turn in favor of the British Eighth Army. A British officer while serving in an armored tank division wrote the following in his war diary:

**"Impressions during night 23-24 October:** As I stand on guard in the turret of my tank under the white light of a full moon, I cannot but help that marvel that I am not afraid. All around me are great gouts of flame which show up orange or red in this light and each flash is followed at different intervals by the crack of the charge. I have passed some time trying to work out which flash is responsible for which bang and which bang for which swish of the projectile as it rushes on its way across the two miles which separate our present position from the enemy's front lines. It cannot be done though as there are so many guns firing it is impossible to distinguish between them and those nearest to me. I sometimes hear the order 'fire' and as this is obeyed the very camel scrub vibrates until it sounds like rain falling. Displacement of air in the turret is setting up a constant rattle of the wireless set and every now and again instead of the flash, crash, whistle of the shells, we get them in the reverse order as enemy planes drop bombs in a vain effort to stay what to them must be an absolute hell of destruction. Away to the west I can see clusters of flares dropped by our own planes over enemy lines and in between the gun turrets the crash of our own bombs exploding can be heard. To complete the Dantesque picture, the mango coloured Italian ack ack creeps up in to the sky searching for our planes and still the moons shines serenely down as I go to wake Sergeant Cook to relieve us of this guard at 0315." The end of the campaign was welcome!

**"Friday 30 October:** Oh boy what a sleep that was last night. Disturbed by only one bomb - I sleep through all barrages now. Tried to organise my way to LRS to salvage stuff off Fearless but nothing doing. Got a bit of stuff off before we changed tanks but no time for every-thing. What I mourn most is loss of my Chalunpty which must have fallen or got shot off the B Squadron job. A fairly quiet day until evening when it was suddenly decided we were to move still further back to reorganise. Left the B Squadron barrow to be taken in to L.R.S. and travelled back with spare crews to a glorious spot right by Med[iterranean] and almost as far back as Sydney Road. A change to have sound of waves and crickets instead of guns and bombs. Three weeks here should do us all a power of good." —*Park Tudor Legacy Collection*





# IN CASE YOU MISSED THIS . . .

## LAST CALL FOR THIS TRIP . . . And suggestion for another!

**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](mailto:klerch@parktudor.org) or 317-251-8661 (landline) See the 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. Dates for trip June 13-22 may vary slightly and extension may be added. This trip is for adults, but may join other groups of adults and students. Go to [ACIS.com](https://acis.com) for more details:

<https://acis.com/trips/tour-detail/world-war-ii-in-depth/?code=WHS>



**acis**  
World War II In Depth

JUN 13-22, 2023  
Group Leader  
Kathryn Lerch  
Group Leader ID  
91527

**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
- Arramanches 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)



Or, if timing is not ideal, perhaps another trip may be of interest. Our guest speaker, Gary Powers, Jr., spoke about his father's historic career at our Round Table dinner in March 2022. Powers has just offered a unique trip which you may wish to consider as well: "I am organizing a 10-day Cold War Espionage Tour of Germany and CZ March 19-28, 2023. It would be great if you and a few of your family members or friends could join us on this inaugural tour. I need a minimum of 20 people to sign up by November 10 to make it work and I already have 13 registered. Click on the link below or go to our website.

<http://garypowers.com/cold-war-espionage-tour-march-19-to-28-2023/>

Powers would appreciate your help to circulate the attached info and link to your friends, colleagues, and other associates that would have an interest. " Ed.: A portion of the flyer is shown here. Please go to our WW2 Round Table website for the full flyer and more information about both trips.

## 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 this unforgettable 10-day tour of Cold War and Espionage related sites throughout Germany and the Czech Republic