



From the Desk of Roundtable President Charles Holt

Nov & Dec 2023 Newsletter www.WWIIroundtable.com

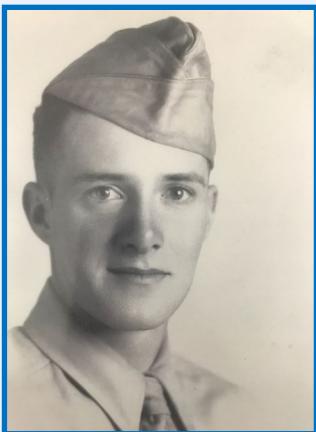
Welcome to Fall! The incredible Roundtable Board and I, are excited about continuing the GREAT tradition of bringing WWII history to you and encouraging YOU to invite and bring others to our dinner/speaker meetings, become paying members and sign up for our emails and check our website frequently. We depend on YOU to support the Roundtable/tell others about it and especially get YOUNG women and men interested in it! It is appalling to see all of the WWI/II and Korean War books that have been removed from shelves of our public schools and libraries! I see them at Goodwill, Salvation Army and public library book sales in increasing numbers! Unless WE encourage the current generations of America to study and learn from HISTORY, we are DOOMED to what the Dominions of Great Britain, including Canada/Australia/New Zealand/India said of their leaders in Great Britain and what led to the break up of Britannia after WWII..." we are horses led by asses." I try to tell one person every day about the Roundtable and often they will say, "Oh, I wish I'd only known about it years ago."

Charles A. Holt, D.O.

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

7:00: Trivia Presentation 7:15 Featured Program

November 27, 2023, 7:00 PM



WW2 Veteran PFC Walter Stitt

33rd Armored Regt in 3rd Armored Division

In Action Across France & Battle of the Bulge

"I was still a bright-eyed, bushy-tailed kid, and we all thought once we got in that American-made steel tank, we were invincible. It's only after we lost a few tanks and several people that we began to realize maybe the Germans knew something, too."

No December, 2023 Dinner — Program

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2023
DINNER PROGRAMS

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| January 23 | Doors Open 5:00pm |
| February 27 | Dinner \$11 6:00pm |
| March 27 | Program 7:00pm |
| April 24 | |
| May 22 | |
| June 26 | |
| July 24 | |
| August 28 | |
| September 25 | |
| October 23 | |
| November 27 | |
| December 4 | Not meeting |

North Side Events & Social Club
2100 E. 71st Street
Indianapolis, IN 46220

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Regular Monthly Dinner \$11++ Join us in person if you are able! Be sure to send your Fall dinner RSVPs for to Karl Kleinbub: knj1002@mytwinet.net or phone 317- 607- 6948 **no later than Thursday prior to Monday's program!** (Do not rsvp via the website!) A head count for Northside Events & Social Club (K of C) is very important. Also, please have CASH in exact change \$11 ++ tip for your meal. We encourage you to invite a guest! Thank you!

There will be **no December Dinner-Program**. Due to our having had our Roundtable dinner just the week before and there is typically lower attendance during the busy December holiday season, the Board has decided to cancel this dinner.

Instead, please mark your calendar and join us in the New Year on January 22, 2024. **Great programs are being lined up now for 2024!** If you also have program suggestions please send them to our President Chuck Holt.

As a courtesy to others, with the fall season's rising number of viruses or flu-bugs, please Do Not attend the dinner if you are ill, or possibly becoming ill, as you may be contagious to others.

Same time, same place, great speakers and remember to invite a guest!

Special Event for Veterans & Friends in Home Place

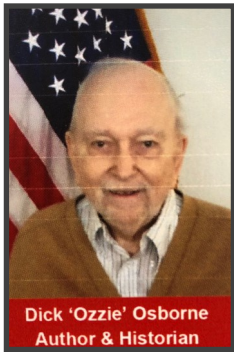
Bicentennial event in Home Place—the Military Library and Museum, 10801 N. College Ave.

On Sunday, November 19 from 1100-1500. There will be no presentation or anything formal. It would just be wonderful to have you present to meet and greet anyone who would like to see our tiny collection and speak to "the real deal" —you. Also, on **Saturday, November 18**, our annual holiday decorating takes place and we are inviting the public to join us. We decorate our little cemetery located on 106th St. just west of College Ave, then move to the Military Library/Museum to decorate there. It ends with light refreshments. You would be more than welcome to join us for any part of that if you are interested. From 1000-1200 Dianna Glass will be at the cemetery to provide tours for those interested, but will join everyone else at the L/M from noon on... **Questions:** Dianna Glass, Secretary, Greater Home Place Neighborhood Association dglass40s@gmail.com 317-379-0198

The latest request for this special event: ** So, Needed for Sunday, November 19 to meet and greet the public and enjoy each other's company, is one veteran of the Korean conflict, and if possible a WWII veteran.

** The event on Sunday, November 19 is from 1100 to 1500 (or later if needed), however, understanding that this will be a long day, any time these veterans can stay would be much appreciated. I will buy their lunches. We will keep a pot of coffee hot.





WW 2 Trivia for November & December 2023

Inspired by Ozzie's earlier trivia reports . . .

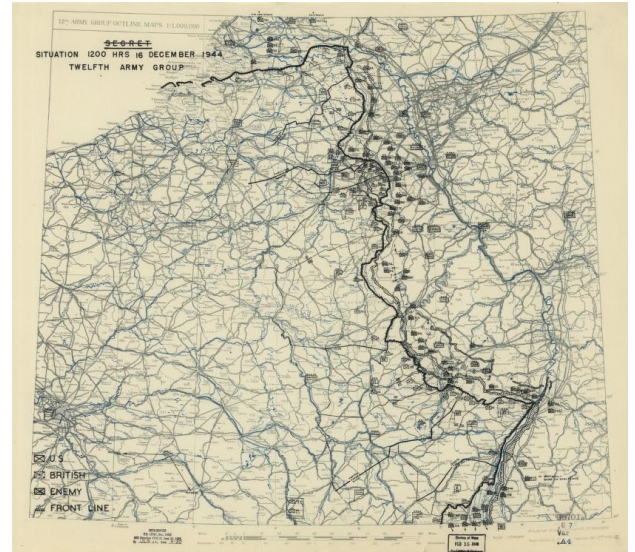
Seventy-nine Years ago! . . . in November & December 1944 . . .

- ◆ November 2, 1944: Liberation of Belgium is complete, as Canadians take Zeebrugge. US First Army begins drive on Schmidt, Germany through the Hürtgen Forest. Patton's Third Army . . . including Sgt. Walter Still . . .

WORLD WAR II - THE ARDENNES

- ◆ As early as late November 1944, the Third Army G2 (Intelligence) began noticing a potential buildup of German Panzer units on the western front and warned of a potential large-scale enemy offensive. Third Army warned of a potential offensive building against the VIII Corps in the Ardennes, just north of Third Army. Antwerp was the German objective where they could seize the Allied source of supply and cut the Allied Army in half. The German offensive struck VIII Corps on December 16. General Patton met with General Omar Bradley on December 18. Bradley asked what Patton could do. Patton responded that he could counter attack three divisions in two days. So ordered, Patton instructed that the 4th Armored Division, 26th and 80th Infantry Divisions disengage from attacking eastward and move to attack the German salient (the Bulge). Traversing 125 miles on icy roads in bad weather, the 4th Armored Division reached the encircled 101st Airborne Division on December 26, allowing supplies to flow in and the wounded to flow out. Over the next thirty days, American forces set to the task of reducing the bulge and finally returned to the original lines about January 25, 1945. With the Battle of the Bulge concluded, Third Army turned to drive into the heart of Germany to end the war.

[Source: <https://www.usarcent.army.mil/About/History/Extended/>]



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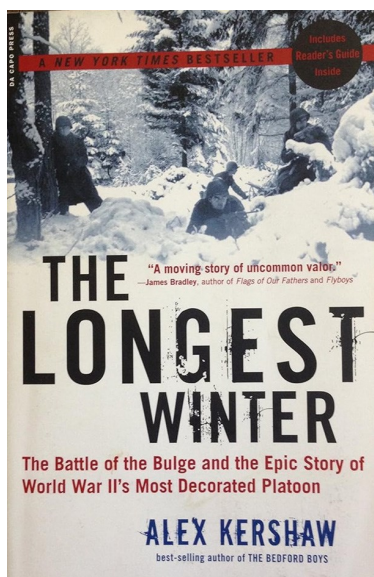
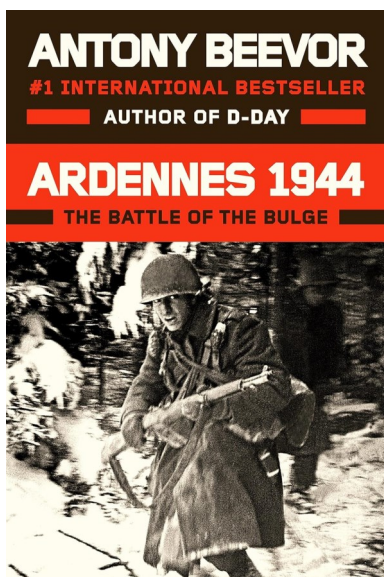


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“The American 33rd Armored Regiment of Task Force Mills, 3rd Armored Division, during fighting in the Glen area of the city of Mons, Belgium, Sept, 1944.”

For more information on the military service in WW2 for Walter Stitt, go to: <https://www.3ad.com/history/wwII/memoirs.pages/stitt.htm#:~:text=How%20the%20War%20was%20Won,Walter%20Stitt>

Here are some book Suggestions for Battle of Bulge period. . . Or, get a preview to our program and listen



to this interview by PFC Walter Stitt:

<https://evergreenpodcasts.com/warriors-in-their-own-words/pfc-walter-stitt-tank-gunner-in-wwii>

(Accessed Oct. 30, 2023)

New Member & Renewal Dues Now Being Accepted for 2024

Veteran Family \$20.00; Non-Veteran Family \$25.00; WWII Veterans/widows FREE Membership Please mail your check to our PO box: WWII Roundtable Post Office Box 1965, Noblesville, IN 46061 or Pay at the dinner beginning in September for next year

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____ Address: _____

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

Please send us suggestions for future programs! Possible upcoming speakers for 2024:

January: Story of Jack Bronicki, a Jew who escaped a concentration camp and joined a resistance group.

February: I. ra ??? from New Castle.

March: Dr. Shively on Guadalcanal

April: Kathryn Lerch on Alma DeLuce.