



From the Desk of Roundtable President Charles Holt

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Greetings! I hope your summer is starting out well. The presentation on The Old Guard's behind-the-scenes incredible work at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and Arlington National Cemetery, last month, was quite interesting—by an actual former member. This month's presentation is quite emotional, since it is about the father-in-law of one of our longtime members. This past week I visited the new Evansville Wartime Museum at their airport—it's newly acquired P-47 Thunderbolt flew there from Texas (it was made in Evansville). That city made more different WWII items than any other city in the world, including LSTs—the only fully functioning (that I know of) LST is docked downtown. If you come to our presentations, please RSVP the dinner—we get the room for free if all eat!

Charles Allen Holt, D.O.

June 28, 2021, 7:00 PM Hybrid

Dinner 6-7:00 at North Side Social!

7:00 Greetings & 7:10 Ozzie's History Report

In-person Speaker:

Steve Baranyk

June 28, 2021 06:45 PM Log-In available

Meeting Starts 7:00 PM Use Zoom link here

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86769872970?pwd=c2N1UFcwOHhNd2FoRFN3ZjRwUGp1dz09>

Log in easily from our webpage too!

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

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

7:00 Program
In person & Zoom

2021 DINNERS:

Feb 22, Mar 22, Apr 26,
May 24, June 28, July 26,
Aug 23, Sept 27, Oct 25,
Nov 22, Dec 27

Dues Reminder

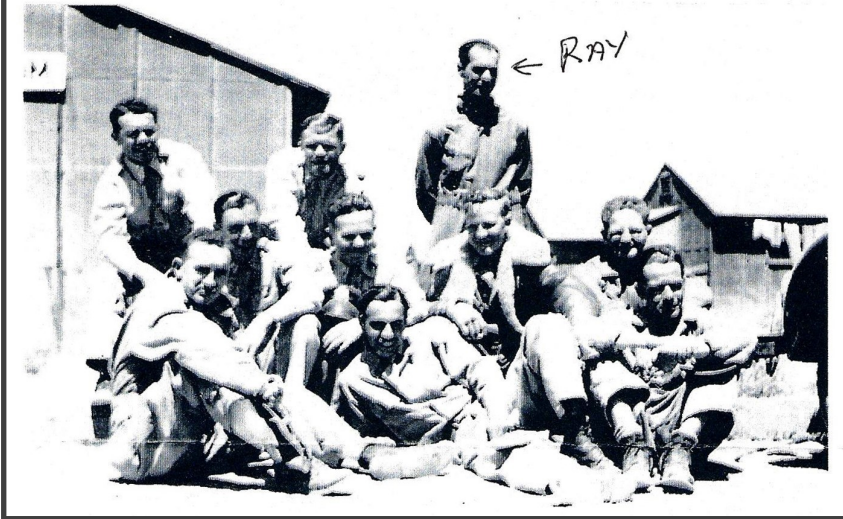
Accepting checks now for 2021; payable to 'WWII Roundtable, INC,' P.O. Box 1965, Noblesville, IN 46061 or go to our website to pay online: WWIIroundtable.com
Veteran \$20; Non-Veteran \$25;
W2 Veterans free

Join us for a great Zoom Hybrid program. We continue to have hybrid dinner meetings at the Northside Social Club. In the meantime stay safe and get your vaccination! Be sure to send your RSVP to Karl Kleinbub ASAP: knj1002@myninestar.net or phone 317 607-6948. A head count for Northside Social is very important. Also, please have exact change \$11 ++ tip for your meal. Do you know how easy it is to pay your dues online? —Go to our website and follow the link!

Month of June — Guest Speaker Steven Baranyk, WW2 RT Member

THE TENNANT CREW - 376th Bomb Group

B-24 Bomber	Tail # 42-73084		Origin
Crash site	Bocksdorf (Nr. 8 on map)		
MACR # / Unit	1100 / 376 th Bomb Group, 515 th Squadron		
Pilot	Tennant, Jack L.	POW Stalag Luft 1	Tulsa, Oklahoma
Co-Pilot	Artykewicz, Henry J.	Killed	Union, New Jersey
Navigator	Fleming, James J.	Killed	Queens Co., New York
Bombardier	Bacon, Gerald C.	POW Stalag Luft 1	Pembroke, Georgia
Engineer/Gunner	Eisenberg, Max	Killed	Richmond, New York
Radio Op/Gunner	George, Raphael J.	POW Stalag Luft 4	-, West Virginia
Gunner	Bluejacket, Charles E.	Killed	Wyandotte, Oklahoma
Gunner	Peluso, Philip	Killed	Brooklyn, New York
Gunner	Anderson, Carl V.	POW Stalag Luft 4	Jaabs County, Utah
Gunner	Bacon, Willard L.	Killed	Walla Walla, Washington
Photographer	Bolduc, Leonard C.	Killed	Glens Falls, New York



Here is some background for our speaker's presentation:

On the 28th of this month I am giving a talk on the 4th bombing mission of the Me-109 plant located in Wiener Neustadt in Austria. Susie's Step Father, Ray George, was on that mission (his 28th) and was shot down. He was pretty badly wounded but managed to bail out and was a POW for ten months. He was repatriated because he was so badly wounded; it was determined he could never again enter combat. There are four stories in one: Ray's life, his relationship with Susie's Mom, Bea, and his service in the Army Air Corps during WW II and the fourth has to do with Mark Bischof who wrote the definitive book about the crash who finally connected with Susie. **Small world!**

World War II General Meeting Time: **June 28, 2021 06:45 PM** Eastern Time Sign-On Available Zoom Meeting Starts: 7 PM Zoom Meeting Starts **7:00 PM**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86769872970?pwd=c2N1UFcwOHhNd2FoRFN3ZjRwUGp1dz09>

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Remember to mute yourself during the program!



Our June Dinner/Program will be a Hybrid- Zoom meeting. If joining via Zoom, 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! If you choose to attend virtually, please sign in between 6:45 and 6:55. The program will begin at 7 P.M. sharp!



WW II TRIVIA FOR MAY 2021

- At about 5:00 in the afternoon, both Adolf Hitler and Franklin Roosevelt had social hours. Adolf drank tea and Franklin drank martinis.
- During the summer of 1940 the US Army held maneuvers in upstate New York. The Army was so poorly equipped that the soldiers used broomsticks to simulate machine guns and drain-pipes to simulate mortars.
- During the war POWs in the US were well fed. Many POWs gained weight and some wrote their families not to send food. They had plenty. Some camps had POW orchestras, glee clubs,

soccer teams and free movies. In the canteens cold beer was 10 cents a bottle. In some poor American communities that had POW camps the local people looked upon these things with envy and called the camps the "Fritz Ritz."

- Hitler's first automobile was old and well-worn. Its seats were stuffed with straw and were torn. On one occasion, as he approached his car, a horse was eating the straw from the seats and people were standing around laughing. Adolf then turned and walked away not wanting the people to know that it was his car.
- During the Depression Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt would, at times, eat very economical meals as a sympathetic gesture toward America's poor. One of the regular items on the menu was pig's feet.
- During the summer of 1944 Mt. Vesuvius in Italy erupted spewing out thousands of pounds of hot lava, rocks and boulders. At a nearby US airfield, 90 B-25 bombers were damaged as were many of the GI's tents.
- In Japan Emperor Hirohito was considered to be divine. That meant he was infallible. To protect his infallibility, whenever he wanted something done he would avoid giving a direct order. Instead he would tell an individual that it was his "wish" that such-and-such be done and ask that individual to do it for him. That way if something went wrong the blame would fall on the individual trying to satisfy the Emperor and not the Emperor himself.
- When Gen. McAuliffe at Bastogne was reported to have said "nuts" to the German demand that he surrender many people believe that he used another four letter word that was more common in a soldier's language.

Photo: "On March 17, Mount Vesuvius began an eruption that, over the ensuing week and a half, rained down rocks the size of basketballs, covered some areas with up to a meter of ash, and released a slow-moving wall of volcanic rock, lava and debris that crushed and burned everything in its path. U.S. [newsreels](#) recorded the eruption and the evacuation of San Sebastiano's residents, who, assisted by Allied soldiers, piled household goods and belongings onto wagons as lava advanced toward the village. "

For details [go to: https://www.earthmagazine.org/article/benchmarks-march-17-1944-most-recent-eruption-mount-vesuvius/](https://www.earthmagazine.org/article/benchmarks-march-17-1944-most-recent-eruption-mount-vesuvius/)



A battered North American B-25 of the 310th Bomb Group rests useless on the dispersal strip under Mt. Vesuvius after the eruption on 23 March 1944.



WW II Normandy Trip Fall 2021

with Normandy Veteran

E. Carver McGriff

357th Infantry Regiment, 90th Infantry Division

Sunday, October 10, 2021 – Depart from Indianapolis

Monday, October 11, 2021 Arrive at Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport

Depart by Bus for Honfleur. We will stop in the romantic sea-side village for lunch on your own. There are numerous cafes surrounding the harbor.

Approximately 2 hrs after we arrive in Honfleur, we depart for Bayeux..

On the way, we will stop at the Pegasus Bridge for a short tour and visit to the museum.

When we arrive in Bayeux, we will check in at Hotel Villa Lara, a 5 star boutique hotel. www.hotel-villalara.com Dinner tonight is on your own. . .

Tuesday, October 12th Depart from Hotel at 9:00 a.m. Today, we will visit Arromanche, including admission to the museum. In the afternoon, we will visit Utah Beach and the small museum located there. Admission to the museum is included. Lunch will be on your own. We recommend a picnic lunch that can be picked up in Bayeux. On our way back to the hotel, we will also visit Pointe de Hoc.

Wednesday, October 13th Depart from hotel at 9:00 a.m. Today, we will visit the museum at Ste. Mere Eglise, admission included, and then stop in Gourbeville, the site of Carver's engagement with the Germans. After our stop, we will then have a relaxing and elegant lunch, included in your price, at Chateau d' Audrieu. Following lunch, we travel back to Bayeux in time for you to visit the Bayeux Tapestry. Dinner tonight is on your own.

Thursday, October 14th Depart from Hotel at 8:00 a.m. Today, we will visit Periers, Beaucodray and Hill # 122 with a local expert. This afternoon, we will visit Omaha Beach, the American Cemetery, and to finish our day, the German cemetery at La Cambe. Lunch today is on your own. We recommend a packed picnic lunch.

Friday, October 15th Depart from hotel at 9:30 a.m. to visit Mont Ste. Michel, a world heritage site. Lunch on your own. This evening, we will gather for an included dinner with the Group to debrief our visit to Normandy and hear more of Carver's experiences.



Saturday, October 16th Depart hotel for Paris at 9:30 a.m. We will stop by Giverny, home of Monet's Gardens to visit the Gardens and Monet's house. We will have time for lunch before we depart for a late afternoon arrival in Paris at the Hotel Napoleon. www.hotelnapoleonparis.com.

Sunday, October 17th

Enjoy walking to the sights of Paris or take the hop-on, hop-off bus for a trip that includes Notre Dame, Le Louvre, the Eiffel Tower and down the Champs d'Elysee.

Monday, October 18th 7:30 a.m. Depart Hotel for flight check in and return to Indianapolis.

Additional Photos



Honfleur: (left) and Pegasus Bridge (right) on way to Bayeux



La Cambe German Cemetery (left) [K. Lerch photo]



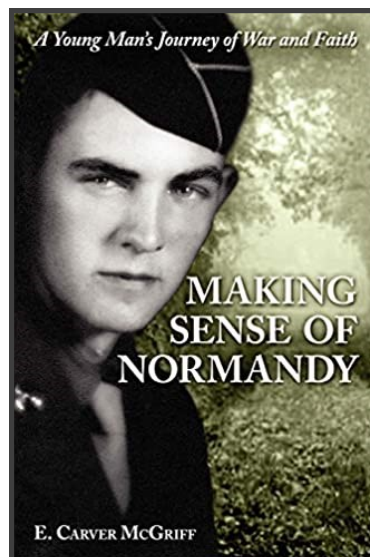
American Cemetery Omaha Beach (right)

What could be more special and memorable than to travel to Normandy with E. Carver McGriff, to see where he experienced the horrors of WW2 in the hedgerows and much more—I highly recommend his book “Making Sense of Normandy” and joining this once in a lifetime experience, Kathryn Lerch (editor)

Carver McGriff was 19 years old when he left Indiana and his innocence behind to join in the battle for freedom on one of the most important and bloodiest battlefields of World War II. In Making Sense of Normandy: A Young Man's Journey of War and Faith, McGriff gives a rare veteran first-hand account of the harsh realities of WWII combat - not only the struggle for physical survival but for emotional and spiritual survival as well.

McGriff, who was a replacement troop, related in his oral history interview which was published in the Legacy Initiative's Words of War series, Vol. 2 in 2004:

“We had to board ships that took us across the English Channel. And then when we arrived there, we were formed up and told that we would be assigned to an infantry division. And that first night that we started marching and we had hardly gone any distance at all . . . and I saw a dead man lying in the ditch, and he was wearing the insignia of a sergeant in the 101st Airborne Division. So when I saw him I knew this was the real thing.”



TRIP COST:

The 2021 Normandy trip will cost \$4250.00 per person, double occupancy. The trip includes round trip airfare from Indianapolis, bus transportation in France, Seven nights in 5 star hotels, all Museum admissions, daily breakfast, a gourmet lunch and closing dinner. Single occupancy is available for an additional \$1750.00. The price is subject to change with final airfares and fluctuations of the Euro exchange rate.

A deposit of \$2500 per person is due by July 1, 2021. Final payment will be invoiced -tbd.

An upgrade for the two nights at the Hotel Napoleon in Paris to a Jr. Suite can be added for an additional \$80.00 per person.

Cancellation:

Once you have made a payment, If you must cancel before 90 days prior to the trip, you will be entitled to a full refund. Between 90 days and 30 days prior to the trip, you will be entitled to a refund of the total trip cost less the cost of the airline ticket and any non refundable deposits paid to hotels and other vendors. If you cancel less than 30 days prior, there will be no refund. There will be an administrative fee of \$200 applied to any cancellations. **Please note that this cancellation clause applies even in the event that Carver McGriff is not able to travel with the group.**

Baggage:

Most carriers allow for one free checked bag on international flights. You will be charged for a second checked bag. Please check the website for specific prices. You will be allowed a small carry-on and one personal bag. Please be sure you meet the specifications for the carry on bag so you are not surprised with a charge at check in.

Trip Insurance:

It is highly recommended that you consider purchasing trip insurance to protect your cost of the trip in case of a last minute emergency. Once you have placed a deposit for this trip, I will provide you with a brochure that you might choose to use.

Also, you can purchase trip insurance from AAA or another travel vendor. You can purchase trip insurance to cover limited situations or you can purchase insurance that will allow you to cancel for any reason. Prices and various plans are available.

Selection of Vendors: Travel to Remember, LLC will use the following guidelines for the selection of international and domestic land and air suppliers. All suppliers will be chosen from those recommended by other known and trusted vendors in our industry. We will look for suppliers that have a proven track record for safety and a reputation for being the most experienced local receptive operators. Suppliers will be expected to comply with all local insurance and licensing regulations. One of the tour managers from Travel to Remember will accompany all excursions to make sure that the suppliers provides the best in service and customer response.

Responsibility: "Tour Operator" acts only as an agent for the various independent suppliers that provide hotel accommodations, transportation, sightseeing, activities, or other services connected with this tour. Such services are subject to the terms and conditions of those suppliers. Tour Operator and their respective employees, agents, representatives, and assigns accept no liability whatsoever for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay, or any other incident which may be caused by the negligence, defect, default of any company or person in performing the services. Responsibility is not accepted for losses, injury, damages or expenses of any kind due to sickness, weather, strikes, hostilities, wars, terrorist acts, acts of nature, local laws or other such causes. All services and accommodations are subject to the laws and regulations of the country in which they are provided. Tour Operator is not responsible for any baggage or personal effects of any individual participating in the tours/trips arranged by Tour Operator. Individual travelers are responsible for purchasing a travel insurance policy, if desired, that will cover some of the expenses associated with the loss of luggage or personal effects.

Print application from page 7 and send to Bob Zehr, 621 Timber Mill Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46260

MAKING SENSE OF NORMANDY

October 10 - October 18, 2021 with

Dr. E. Carver and Marianne McGriff

Name(s)_(as they appear on your passport(s)

#1 _____

#2 _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____ Home Phone _____

#1 E-Mail _____ Cell _____

#2 E-Mail _____ Cell _____

#1 Date of Birth _____ #2 Date of Birth _____

#1 Passport Number _____ #2 Passport Number _____

#1 Passport Issue Date _____ #2 Passport Issue Date _____

#1 Passport Expiration Date _____ #2 Passport Expiration Date _____

I will be a single traveler _____. Please help me find a roommate _____

I will be rooming with _____ Upgrade to Jr. Suite at Hotel Napoleon ____

Payment Schedule

Checks made out to: "Travel to Remember" Memo: "Normandy 2021"

Deposit of \$2500 per person – by July 1, 2021

Final Payment of balance –tbd –

Please print this form and mail with your checks to:

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Hope you Enjoyed some Earlier Lectures “Guam & Wake Islands”

Dr. John Shively’s online lectures are available at the following links:

Historian/author and WWII Round Table member John Shively has presented a series of GoTo webinar lectures during this winter and spring. If you wish to be on his email list, please contact John Shively at indjcs@aol.com or 765-491-7010 or go to WWII RT webpage for information. His programs have been recorded and are available on You-tube. He is current!

Here is the YouTube link to part 2 of a 4 lecture series on the **Battle of Guadalcanal**: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Smn-9WLFVA> If you missed part 1, here it is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ed1WasJB2oU>

Book Suggestions from our WWII RT authors are now posted on our website. Please refer there for book information.

Feel free to contact any of them if you have questions about which book might be the perfect one! **Ronald P. May** 317-435-7636 **Richard Osborne** (Ozzie) 317-849-3680 **Kathryn Lerch** (for Park Tudor’s Legacy Project) 317-251--8661 **Kayleen Reusser** 260-273-9264 **John Shively** 765-491-7010

A new book is forthcoming! Honoring our late Round Table member, Ray Featherstone, Jr. and his plan to get his father’s WWI sub-chaser war service published . . . See the WWII Roundtable website for ordering information. This is a tribute to both father and son, as well as the courageous men who served on this 110’ wood boat in pursuit of German U-boats. Biographical material, unpublished photographs and maps from the Featherstone Collection, as well as biographies for thirty-plus crew members. Hardcover book (8½ x11), glossy paper with more than 130 photographs and maps on 137 pages, including index. A limited number of books will be published. Go to our website for more information which will be posted soon.

