



From the Desk of Roundtable President Charles Holt

May & June 2023 Newsletter www.WWIIroundtable.com

When writing this I was thinking Summer got cancelled—27 degrees and another hard frost! While cold outside, our speakers have really warmed our hearts and minds with their stories. We are blessed with our members and outsiders continually suggesting themselves or others to present. If you have a military history story to tell, or know someone who does, please let one of the board members, or me know. We can help you put it together and even present it for you, if you are unable. Some have a great short story and we can put several of these together, including PowerPoint presentations. We greatly appreciate the items you donate for the drawing and we also take monetary donations. In fact, we are almost out of our beautiful challenge coins and need money to mint more. We sell them and also present them to our speakers.

Charles Allen Holt, D.O.

May 22 & June 26, 2023, 7:00 PM

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

7:00: Trivia Presentation

7:15 Featured Program

May Program

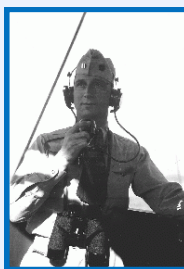


Eva Kor, who was a holocaust survivor and founder of the CANDLES Museum in Terre Haute, is the feature topic.

Eva Kor & the CANDLES Museum

Alex Kor, Vice-President of Community Engagement

June Program



Jack Wallace will talk about his father's experiences on the USS *San Francisco* during the WW2 battle of Guadalcanal

Lt. John G. Wallace & Guadalcanal

Hosted by John Shively, a Roundtable member & WW2 Pacific historian



Where history comes alive!

2023 DINNER PROGRAMS

January 23	
February 27	Doors Open 5:00pm
March 27	Dinner \$11 6:00pm
April 24	Program 7:00pm
May 22	
June 26	
July 24	
August 28	
September 25	
October 23	
November 27	
December 4	



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 May RSVP via email ASAP: knj1002@myinestar.net or phone 317- 607- 6948. **no later than Thursday prior to Monday's program!** 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. Note **only in June:** RSVP to Marlene Mendonsa: 219-741-3894 or email knj1002@myinestar.net address.

May Program

Alex Kor is the son of Michael and Eva Kor, both survivors of the Holocaust. Michael (Mickey) was liberated from Buchenwald by Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Nehf of Terre Haute, Indiana. After the war, Michael made his way to Terre Haute where he finished high school and college. In 1959, he visited Israel where he met Eva Mozes, a twin who was a subject in Mengele's twin experiments at Auschwitz. Michael and Eva married in 1959, and founded the CANDLES Holocaust Museum in Terre Haute in 1995 where Eva [used to] lecture. In addition, Eva [was] involved in Holocaust education for approximately 40 years, and believe[d] that "forgiveness is a seed for peace whereas anger is a seed for war." Alex Kor is a native of Terre Haute, Indiana. As a child of two Holocaust survivors with two different journeys, Alex speaks on a variety of subjects including ethics in medicine, his experiences, and those of his parents.



"Eva Mozes Kor died on July 4th, 2019. She was a survivor of the Holocaust, forgiveness advocate, and public speaker. Powered by a never-give-up attitude, Eva emerged from a trauma-filled childhood as a brilliant example of the human spirit's power to overcome. She was a community leader, champion of human rights, and tireless educator. Eva was born in 1934 in the tiny village of Portz, Romania. Through the first four years of Eva's education, she and sister Miriam attended a one-room schoolhouse. Eva's father, Alexander and mother, Jaffa had four girls: Edit, Aliz, and the twins Eva and Miriam. Though the Mozes family enjoyed a comfortable if rustic living as landowners and farmers, the family lived under the spectre of the Nazi takeover of Germany and the everyday experience of prejudice against the Jews." For more information, go to museum link: <https://candleholocaustmuseum.org/our-survivors/eva-kor/her-story/her-story.html>

June Program Preview



Dr. John Shively, is a noted historian of WW2 in the Pacific. He has led numerous tours to Guadalcanal, Iwo Jima, etc. With his busy travel schedule leading tours in the Pacific, we are fortunate to have him sponsor a speaker for our June program, Jack Wallace. You will not want to miss this opportunity. Jack Wallace is a Delta Airline pilot flying European routes. Wallace will share with our audience the experiences of his father Lt. John G. Wallace, USN on the USS *San Francisco* (CA-38) during the battle of Guadalcanal November 13-14, 1942. If you need a refresher on WW2 action at Guadalcanal, check out John's series of video programs on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1_mSYu8PcSInwTdy74nIMQ

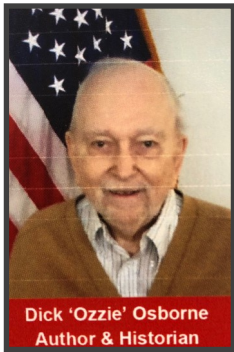
New Member Dues Accepted

Dues are: 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

Print Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Address: _____

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



WW 2 Trivia for May & June 2023

Inspired by Ozzie's earlier trivia reports . . .

Eighty Years ago! . . . in May & June 1943 . . . Action in North Africa & Italy

“Axis Loses All Colonies on Continent, Faces ‘Dunkerque’ After Nearly 3 Years”

- ◆ May 1 Allies close in on the cornered Germans in the Tunisia area.
- ◆ May 2: Americans and French push closer to Mateur after American storm hill with fierce bayonet attack.
- ◆ May 3: Americans occupy Mateur, smashing fierce Axis resistance.
- ◆ May 7: Tunis captured by British First Army. Meanwhile, the Americans take Bizerte.
- ◆ May 12: The Trident Conference begins in Washington, D.C. with Franklin D. Roosevelt and Winston Churchill. The discussions are mostly on future strategy.
- ◆ May 13: Remaining German Afrika Korps and Italian troops in North Africa surrender to Allied forces. The Allies take over 250,000 prisoners.
- ◆ May 19: Winston Churchill addresses a joint session of the US Congress. He praises the partnership of the two Allies
- ◆ May 22: Allies bomb Sicily and Sardinia, both possible landing sites.
- ◆ May 31: American B-17 planes bomb Naples.
- ◆ June 1: Germany shoots down a civilian flight from Lisbon to London, 13 passengers, included actor Leslie Howard, and 4 crew die.
- ◆ June 4– July 1 German bombers target industrial capacity in Gorkiy, Russia
- ◆ June 2: USAAF 99th Pursuit Squadron flies 1st combat mission (over Italy)
- ◆ June 6: USAAF made first sortie with North American A-36 in 27th Fighter Group in assault on Italian Pantelleria Island; island became base for invasion of Sicily.
- ◆ June 10: Doolittle Raiders Sims and Doolittle piloted a B-26 Marauder on mission to attack Pantelleria, Italy.



Evening star, May 08, 1943, Image 2 , p. 1 <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov> (Accessed Apr 16, 2023)

- ◆ June 11: Invasion of Pantelleria Island (Operation Corkscrew) was a success. Operation concluded June 13th. Remainder of June relatively quiet regarding war news.



Note: if you wish to search on your own . . . See World War II Database for excellent timeline: ww2db.com/event/ or

Chronicling America: Newspaper front pages typically featured key events and maps. See map example on p. 4. For more day-to-day coverage, go online to <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/> Select ‘District of Columbia’ or other state and your favorite newspaper and date range, as well as other search terms.

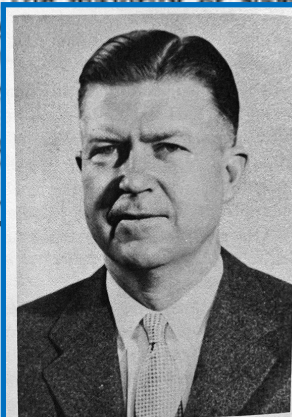
Map for WW 2 Trivia for May-June 2023

Happy French People in Bizerte Strew Flowers on U. S. Tanks

Civilians in Tunis
Bring Out Wine
For Allied Troops

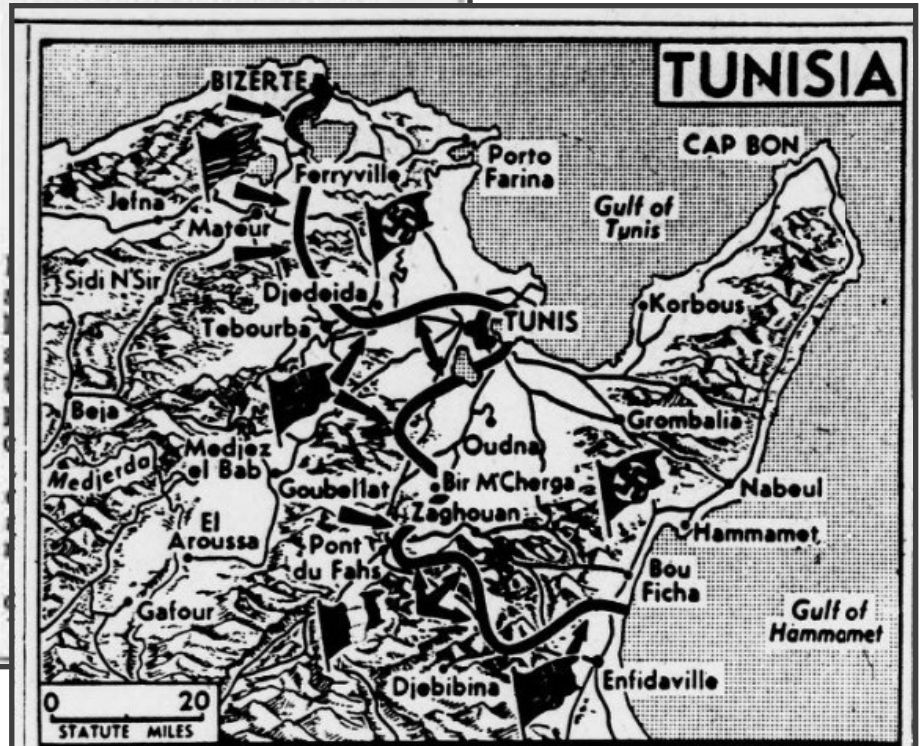
By DANIEL DE LUCE,
Associated Press War Correspondent.
TUNIS, May 7 (Delayed).

British tanks rolled down through hilly vineyards into Tunis today and battled from street to street against a few batteries of enemy 88-millimeter guns which fought to the end, but the majority of Nazi troops already were fleeing toward the west.



Dan DeLuce—To Rumania, Greece, Southeast Asia, Africa and Europe.

"Small world"! Detail from front page on the Washington, D.C. *Evening Star*, May 8, 1943.



WHERE AXIS ARMIES ARE SPLIT AND DRIVEN INTO POCKETS—Following the capture of Tunis and Bizerte by the Allies, Axis troops were reported today to be fleeing to the hills of the Cap Bon Peninsula and to the beaches south of Bizerte as American and British troops (arrows) continued pressure after the capture of Tunis had split them. Dispatches announced that the Allies had captured Bir M'Cherga, 12 miles north of Pont du Fahs, while a huge group of Axis troops was cut off in the Tebourba region after being by-passed by the British 1st Army's drive into Tunis.
—A. P. Wirephoto.

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I chose this article about the capture of Tunis for the timeline. Then I discovered I was very familiar with the reporter, Dan De Luce. He was originally posted to Budapest with his wife, Alma, in May 1939. In Sept. 1939, he witnessed and reported on the invasion of Poland. Later, he reported from Albania and Greece. He fled Athens in April 1941, with Alma and colleague Cy

Sulzberger of the *NY Times*. The couple settled for a time in Ankara, Turkey. Now, two years later, he is covering the Mediterranean Theater for The Associated Press. Alma returned to the United States following the US declaration of war on Japan in December 1941. Stay posted for more of the fascinating De Luce adventures, thanks to the letters written by Alma which will be published this fall by Park Tudor's Legacy Initiative Project. —editor: Kathryn Lerch

Fascinating Life of Shirley Anne Richardson

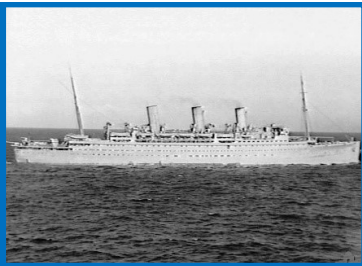
Feb. 8, 1925 – Mar. 11, 2023

Excerpts from her obituary, (*The Globe & Mail*, Winnipeg, Canada) indicate she lead a remarkable life before, during and after WW2 on both sides of the Atlantic.



Shirley was born on February 8, 1925, at Wyburn in Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire, England. Her early childhood was idyllic. The family home, Reel Hall, was set in a valley near a small stream in the village of Shamley Green [photo on left]. Shirley learned to ride horses on bridle paths laced throughout the nearby woods. She spent hours drawing pictures of dragons with her neighbour, Carmen Blacker, and riding the Cotswold Hills with her lifelong friend, Anne Renshaw (Bennett). Summers were usually for family travel to Europe, but at the age of twelve, Shirley made an epic journey with her parents by ship through the Panama Canal to New Zealand.

By June of 1940, when the Allied troops were evacuated from Dunkirk and a German invasion of England was imminent, the British Government implemented a program to send as many children as possible to safety in Canada and the United States. With three sons serving in the Armed Forces, Shirley's parents consented to let their youngest child and only daughter join the Benenden School [photo on right] group going by ship to Canada. At age 15, along with hundreds of other children, Shirley boarded the C.P.R. ***Empress of Canada*** which was one of two ships carrying schoolchildren that set out to cross the Atlantic without the protection of a convoy. After several days at sea, a German submarine torpedoed the other ship. Only the C.P.R. ***Empress of Canada*** reached the shores of North America safely.



(Naval Historical Collection)

Upon arrival in Canada, their ship travelled up the St. Lawrence and docked in Montreal. The Benenden School group took the train to Winnipeg where they were enrolled in Riverbend School (now Balmoral Hall School, a girls' independent and boarding school). Near the end of her grade eleven year at Riverbend, Shirley learned that her oldest brother, Anthony, had been killed while serving as an RAF pilot.

After completing school, Shirley took a secretarial course in February of 1942, and secured a job in Montreal with the British Ministry of War Transport. This department dealt with secret information concerning the movement of ships and convoys. While there, Shirley learned there was space aboard a French Freighter leaving from Halifax, and so, at age seventeen, she crossed the ocean back to England.



After Shirley's return to England, she joined the Women's Auxiliary Air Force (WAAF) and was accepted for Transport Service. She was posted to Fighter 11 Group Station at Hawkinge Airfield in Kent. As well as driving trucks, she kept records for the Transport Division. While stationed at Hawkinge, Shirley learned from her Commanding Officer that her second brother, Ralph, who was in charge of a Naval Motor Torpedo Boat, had been killed near the Dutch coast. To quote Shirley, "Life was tough and cruel. One grew up fast in war-time." During her time in Canada, Shirley had met and become friendly with Dave and Jessie Gillies, who lived in Arnprior on the banks of the Ottawa River. After the war, Shirley made a trip back to North America to visit with the Gillies. While she was staying

with them, they invited the son of friends, a young man named Jim Richardson who was working in Toronto at the time, to join them for a visit. This small group headed to the Seignior Club (now Chateau Montebello) for the weekend, and the rest is history. Shirley and Jim had five children who were born between 1950 and 1959, and all five attended school in Winnipeg. . . Perhaps Shirley's greatest accomplishment, outside of her family, was her dream for Winnipeg to have a butterfly garden for all to enjoy. The Shirley Richardson Butterfly Garden carries her name in recognition of her vision. . . . For more information about her life, go to: <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/winnipeg-mb/shirley-richardson-11203686> (Accessed Apr. 26, 2023) **WW2RT Members, if you find similar items of interest for our newsletter, please send item to the editor**