



From the Desk of Roundtable President Charles Holt

April 2021 Newsletter www.WWIIroundtable.com

Spring has sprung! I hope you have gotten vaccinated and are ready to go for a GREAT year. Our monthly newsletter (thank you Kathryn) is chock full of great historical items. Just put in your email address on our website to receive it and a few addenda, or go to WWiiRoundtable.com. Be evangelistic for the Roundtable—tell your friends about it and have them become a paying member—all our monies go to funding our website and administrative items—all of us are NON-PAID volunteers who have a single mission—telling the story of our service members! We are back to hybrid programs (in person at the old K of C (Northside Events and Social Club) and Zoom! You must RSVP if coming, so their kitchen can plan the # of meals!

Charles Holt, D.O.



Where history comes alive!
Northside Social Club 2100
E 71st Street
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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,
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website to pay online:
WWiiRoundtable.com
Veteran \$20; Non-Veteran \$25;
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April 26, 2021, 7:00 PM Hybrid

Dinner 6-7:00 at your home or North Side Social!

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

In-person Speaker: Steve Furste

"A Young Yank in the RAF in WW2"

(See page 4 for RCAF history)

World War II Roundtable Hybrid Meeting 26 April 2021

6:45 PM Log-In available Meeting Starts 7:00 PM

Log in easily from our webpage too!

<https://www.wwiiRoundtable.com/>

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Join us for a great program. In April we will have our 2nd dinner program at the Northside Social Club. In the meantime stay safe and get your vaccination! **To reserve a meal, you must RSVP to Karl Kleinbub no later than Wednesday prior to our dinner event: knj1002@myinestar.net or phone 317-607-6948.** A head count is sent to Northside Social on Friday before our meeting. Also, please have exact change \$11 ++ tip for your meal. Why is your RSVP important? This guarantees you a meal—otherwise you will have to order from their restaurant at a greater cost.

Our April 26th Speaker:

Steve Furste relates his father's unique WW2 service and life in England and much more . . . Tune in, or even better—come in person! See page 4 for more history about his branch of service; page 13 to order books

Five Generations
of Service



Not only will we have a live program, but former WW2 RT President, Pony Tail Cauley, will also be joining our Roundtable this evening—all the way from Florida. He is returning to Indiana to attend the Gold Star Memorial dedication on May 1. Our member Jill Fewell has worked tirelessly to bring this incredible project to fruition. Please join us in person! See more about this special event on pages 5-6.

Topic: **World War II General Meeting** Time: **Apr 26, 2021 06:45 PM Eastern Time**
Sign-On Available Zoom Meeting Starts: 7 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89024787640?pwd=R3JiZFg4ZDFEWHJ6aXgzdEgyT0ErQT09>

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Remember to mute yourself during the program! Meeting Protocol Reminder



Our April 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=Oi5qxx5CYm4>

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!

We apologize for the technical issues which prevented us from sharing John Shively's GoTo Webinar program. See page 7 for his next program event—and how to see what you missed on YouTube.

INFORMATION DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER April 12nd Please send new items to editor, Kathryn Lerch: c/o_klerch@parktudor.org Refer to our newsletter's first page "bookmark" for future program dates in 2021.



WW II TRIVIA FOR APRIL 2021

- ◆ The German Army had three divisions in North Africa. In the Soviet Union they had 167.
- ◆ Part of the Japanese war aim was to capture the Hawaiian Islands, allow them to declare their independence under the old Hawaiian monarchy, write favorable trade agreements with Japan and open

the islands for Japanese settlement. Pearl Harbor would then become the main Japanese military base in the Central Pacific.

- ◆ On September 17, 1945 President Truman sent his first peacetime message to Congress. It contained 16,000 words, the longest since a 20,000 word message sent to Congress by Theodore Roosevelt in 1901. It contained a utopian list of proposals to bring about lasting peace and prosperity in the US.
- ◆ During September 1945 Harry and Bess Truman flew home to Independence, MO for a visit. At Harry's request Mayor Roger T. Sermon had set up a poker party for Harry that evening. Harry's former partner in a men's haberdashery store, Eddie Jacobson, was one of the participants and did very poorly. The next day Harry visited Jacobson's store, bought 16 pairs of size 11 socks and told Jacobson "I thought you'd need the sale after what we did to you last night."
- ◆ In December 1931 Winston Churchill was nearly killed in an auto accident in New York City. In his book "The Gathering Storm" he wrote "I got out of my car on the wrong side and walked across 5th Ave. without bearing in mind the opposite rule of the road that prevails in America...There was a shattering collision. For two months I was a wreck."
- ◆ Henry Ford wrote a book called 'The International Jew – The World's Foremost Problem.' In it he blamed the Jews for starting World War I for profit.
- ◆ When the Germans invaded the Soviet Union in June 1941 Britain was obliged to make a military alliance with the Communists. Prime Minister Churchill then said "If Hitler invaded Hell I would at least make a favorable reference to the Devil in the House of Commons." . . . **MORE TRIVIA NEXT MONTH**



Americans in the Royal Canadian Air Force During WW2



Did you know it was illegal for Americans to cross the border and join the RCAF?? Then changes came with 'Lend Lease'

"The American component of the RCAF totaled over 8,800 and the number of "Yanks" serving in the RAF was more than 750. Combined then, the two aerial combat services possessed some 9,550 personnel, both male and female, from the United States. To date a review of documentation reveals that during the period May – June 1942, which was after the attack on Pearl Harbor, in excess of 1,750 RCAF-Americans transferred to the U.S. Army Air Forces (USAAF). By November 1943 an additional group, which numbered just over 2,700, of RCAF and RAF-Americans had also completed reassignment to USAAF. In totality, transfers to USAAF exceeded 4,450. Importantly, many of these highly trained and experienced individuals were combat veterans. A fact not to be forgotten is that more than 5,100 RCAF-Americans remained in the RCAF until their terms of service was completed.

The lack of remembrance and recognition is a result of several factors. One is that many Americans in the RCAF that were killed-in-action (KIA) are listed in the Commonwealth War Graves Commission as "Canadian citizens." Also, there were over 110 RCAF-Americans who were KIA (while flying in Canadian combat aircraft) that had already transferred to the USAAF but had not yet been mobilized by the USAAF in England. (This particular group of RCAF-Americans represents true unknown heroes both in the USA and in Canada.) As a result of the foregoing, RCAF histories and Rolls of Honour do not list these 110 American airmen and, unfortunately, RAF documents also reflect this oversight." In July [2016], legislation was introduced into the U.S. House of Representatives which would authorize a Congressional Gold Medal for over 9,200 valiant Americans who were members of the RCAF or RAF during World War II. The bill at long last recognizes their service, and during August retired Lt Gen (Ret) Charles Cleveland, President of the American Fighter Aces Association, sent a letter pledging support for the legislative initiative to Congressman Tim Ryan's office. It is currently believed that the "Congressional Gold Medal for Americans Who Served in the Royal Canadian Air Force and Royal Air Force in WWII" act will pass with bipartisan support in January 2017 or soon thereafter. See the web article on Americans in the RCAF: <https://www.bombercommandmuseum.ca/bomber-command/americans-in-the-rcaf/>

STIRLING BOMBER (photo on right): The Stirling was the largest of the four-engine heavy bombers in Britain. The subject of Steve Furste's talk served as part of a gunner/bomber crew on each of these aircraft.

Go to: <https://www.bombercommandmuseum.ca/aircraft/short-stirling/>



The "Wimpey" featured a geodetic form of construction and was the RAF's most formidable bomber when war was declared. It participated in reconnaissance operations on the first day of the war and was involved in bombing attacks on German warships at Wilhelmshaven on the second. Five and one half years later, its last operation was a raid to Northern Italy in April 1945.



VICKERS-ARMSTRONGS-WELLINGTON BOMBER (photo on left)

Go to: <https://www.bombercommandmuseum.ca/aircraft/vickers-armstrongs-wellington/>

UPCOMING MAY EVENT & GIFT—YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS THIS!

Honor the Sacrifice ☆ Honor the Survivors



760 N Pennsylvania St - Indianapolis, IN 46204

Memorial Dedication
Saturday - May 1, 2021

1:30PM



IndianaGoldStar.org



Hershel Woody Williams is the special guest speaker for the dedication of the Indiana Gold Star Families Memorial on Saturday - May 1,

HONOR AND REMEMBER MONTH

May 2021

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A collaboration with the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs (IDVA) & Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans (WHVV) established the Indiana Vietnam Veterans Gift as an outreach program to honor and give thanks to Indiana Veterans who served during the Vietnam War years of 1955-1975.

Veterans order a FREE gift at VetsGift.com which includes:

- ◆ A beautiful, archival-quality hardbound book, *A Time to Honor: Stories of Service, Duty, and Sacrifice*, filled with stories representing all states, all branches of service, along with a paired, expanded digital book version
- ◆ The feature DVD documentary *The Journey Home*, focusing on what America and the Vietnam veterans have learned, and felt, since first coming home over fifty years ago. Watch 2 min. movie clip here: [The Journey Home](#)
- ◆ An interactive eBook with hundreds of additional pages of Indiana stories of Vietnam Vets

Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans and Community Partners will hand-deliver the Indiana Vietnam [Vets Gift](#). Indiana Veteran Service Officers, Indiana businesses, churches, schools and nonprofit organizations are encouraged to announce and share this information, help veterans order the FREE Gift and host events to recognize & bring honor to their veteran employees, members, students, volunteers, and affiliates of their organizations in their communities.

Special events will be scheduled and the VetsGift will be hand-delivered at events and to homebound veterans. If you or your company are interested in possibly partnering to host an outreach event or help deliver to the homebound, please send a request to: events@whvv.org

A bookmark will be placed inside every Vets Gift to encourage Hoosier Veterans to tell their story of service. If a veteran chooses to preserve their legacy, their own personal experiences will be documented and archived with the Veterans History Project through the Library of Congress who makes accessible the personal accounts of American veterans so that future generations may hear directly from veterans and better understand the realities of war. <http://loc.gov/vets>

The [Indiana Vietnam Veterans FREE Gift](#) will show gratitude & respect to Indiana veterans. It will also provide social awareness and historical value to multiple generations about the real accounts of the Vietnam War. All over the state of Indiana, the Vietnam Vets Gift and message will reinforce the idea that it is never too late to say "Thank You" and "Welcome Home".

The Indiana Vietnam VetsGift will be an ongoing, collaborative effort until we find and thank the estimated 130,000 Vietnam Veterans living in Indiana. Please check here for [veteran events](#).

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

Reminder: Next Pacific War On-Line via YouTube (YouTube repeat 4/18)

Upcoming program: Stages of the Guadalcanal Campaign

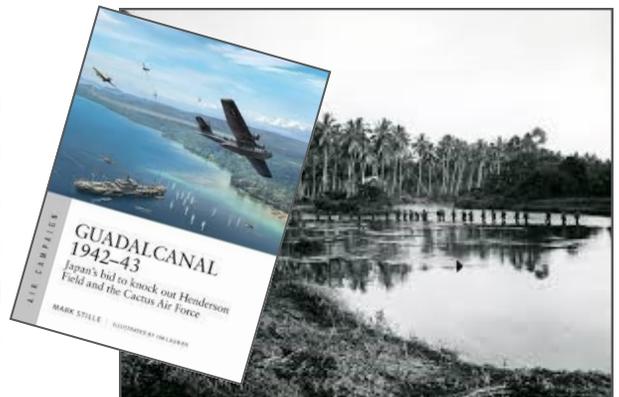
Be sure to watch John's on-line lectures via YouTube. His Goto Webinars have been recorded and to allow for greater flexibility, viewers now have the option to view when they wish versus a set evening time. This series is about the war in the Southwest Pacific Theater with some attention to the threat to Australia.

Historian/author and WWII Round Table John Shively member presented the first in a series of GoTo webinar lectures for this winter and coming spring. “I have visited nearly every island battlefield in the Pacific and am now a battlefield tour guide with Valor Tours. I have guided tours to Okinawa, Tarawa, Pearl Harbor, and Guadalcanal. **Questions? Please contact John Shively at indjcs@aol.com or 765-491-7010 or go to WWII RT webpage for information & link.**

Guadalcanal . . . Land battle Aug-1942 to Feb 1943 & Naval Battle Nov. 13-15, 1942 Why was this campaign so difficult and also so important?

The campaign for Guadalcanal was the first land assault against Japanese forces in the Pacific . On the morning of August 7, Marines began landing on the small neighboring island of Tulagi. Lt. Gadi Lawton remembers they had a “practice” landing in the Fiji Islands. “Their objective was to capture the Japanese airfield on Guadalcanal before it could be completed and used against American forces.” Lawton landed with the Raider Battalion, the Parachute Battalion, and the Second Battalion, Fifth Marines on Tulagi . . . The capital of the Solomon Islands.” As Japanese troops had occupied the island since May 1942, the Marine landing was met with opposition and also surprise. “So we landed under fire . . . And then it stopped. I thought, ‘What’s going on here? Do you win a war in two hours?’ . . . So we took up positions . . . We spread out over the whole island. A mile long, and a half mile wide. Tiny little thing. And two smaller islands Gavutu and Tanambogo . . . So we took those three islands. . . . But what happened is that the enemy force had moved into caves. These were honey-combed with caves. At night, midnight, they came out. The Japanese never attacked in daylight. Never. They are midnight fighters. . . . The only time they fight in the day is if we attack them” Gadi continued his story: A couple of days later, on August 7th, while under the cover of darkness, Lawton and the Fifth Marines crept across the water from Tulagi to Guadalcanal. Additional forces landed at Lunga Point on August 9th. “We jumped off and got ashore. I suppose I learned one of the greatest lessons in my life that night. It was dark. We had landed just helter-skelter. Our battalion was mixed up with paratroopers and raiders and everything else. . . . And it was black. And I was standing there on the beach with four or five of the men. . . . And here comes a guy and he shines a little light on his collar and it’s a full colonel and he’s the regimental commander. And he said, ‘who’s in charge of this group?’ I said, ‘I am. He said, ‘What did you do?’ I said, ‘nothing. We’re just standing here. We don’t know what to do.’ ‘Well, he said in a loud tone of voice, ‘any idiot can do nothing.

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LAST POST FOR WW2 RT MEMBER ANDREW JAMES SNAVELY 1922-2021



USS *Murzim* (AK-95) full crew photo, date and location unknown (Courtesy of DANFS)

Jim is probably somewhere in this crew photo! The WW2 RT belatedly received news of the passing of a longtime member of our Round Table: Jim Snavley on December 1, 2020. "Andrew James Snavley was born in Fort Wayne, IN on November 5, 1922, to Tharley M. and Marie Snavley. He passed away peacefully at his home in Indianapolis on December 1, 2020 after a long illness. He attended local public schools in Fort Wayne and, at the age of 19, enlisted as a seaman in the United States Coast Guard on July 10, 1942. He was assigned to

ammunition supply ship USS *Murzim* (AK-95) which supported the US Navy Fleet in Pacific combat zones, including Leyte Gulf. He was discharged from his regular reserve enlistment on March 2, 1946 but recalled during the Korean conflict on August 30, 1950, and assigned to the 124th Navel Construction Battalion in Adak, Alaska. He was discharged at the end of the term of his reserve duty on April 5, 1951. . . ." (Go to: <https://www.indianafuneralcare.com/obituaries/Andrew-James-Snavely?obId=19145897>) Jim was a long time member of our Round Table.

To hear his WWII oral history account / read the transcript of the interview, please go to: <https://ulib.iupuidigital.org/digital/collection/ParkTudorLI/id/329/rec/1> The USS *Murzim* had especially dangerous duty: For almost two months, *Murzim* supplied antiaircraft ammunition to ships at Hollandia preparing for the invasion of the Philippines. After filling her holds with ammunition from Brisbane and Sydney Australia, she sailed without escort for the Philippines on 24 October. Arriving in the Leyte Gulf on 29 October, she began duty as an ammo station ship. During the next three months she supplied ships from cruisers to LSTs with a variety of ammunition which ranged from 6 in (152 mm) to 20 mm (0.79 in). Despite numerous air alerts, her crew carried out the dangerous business of transferring ammunition to ships alongside. During an enemy air attack on 27 November, her 20 mm guns splashed a Japanese plane attacking the cargo ship from starboard. (See DANFS)

LAST POST FOR WW2 VETERAN EUGENE BIXBY, US NAVY

NOV 12, 1923– FEB 22, 2021



Bixby married Virginia Watson, who served as a WAVE during WW2



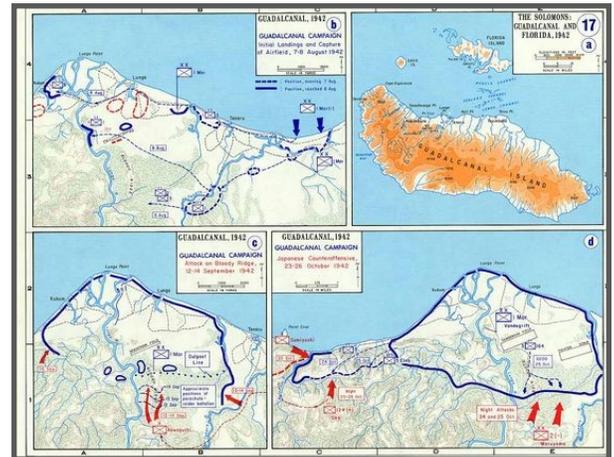
Bixby in 2020

Gene Bixby attended our WWII Round Table dinner in early 2020 with his daughter Diane Bixby Pessagno. Pony Tail presented him with one of our Roundtable's special challenge coins. I met him following that dinner and set a date for an oral history interview for the Veteran History Project at the Library of Congress. Unfortunately, Indiana went into lockdown two days before our pre-arranged interview in March 2020, so there was a change of plans; his daughter did the interview and recorded his story on her iPad as a part of FaceTime. His story has been transcribed and will be sent to the Library of Congress Veteran History Project Collection in Washington, D.C. His account of wartime service is wonderful and he gives details about serving on the USS *Lardner* which was involved in the following campaigns: Tassafaronga, the Consolidation of Southern Solomons, Treasury-Bougainville Operation, Consolidation of Northern Solomons, Bismarck Archipelago Operation, Asiatic-Pacific Raids, Mariana Islands Operation. Bixby was born in Lynn, Massachusetts. He had ancestors who captained ships so he thought the Navy was a better choice with a bed to sleep in every night versus a foxhole and mud! His rate was Water Tender 3c.



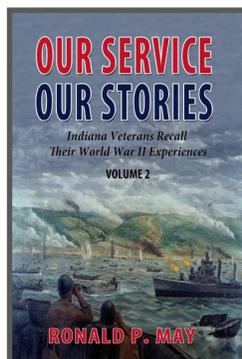
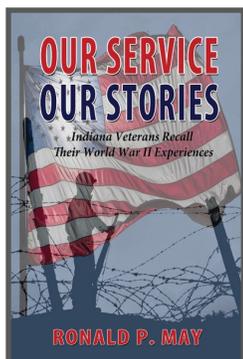
USS *Lardner* (DD-487) at a Pacific anchorage, possibly Manus, 1945. National Archives and Records Administration. Photo # 80-G-321649.

[cont. from page 7] I expect more than that from a Marine officer.' I guarantee you , that night I was an officer from that moment on. I made decisions. I did something. Yea. That's when I became a Marine, if you want to know the truth about it. That very night." At first Lawton's unit was held on the reserve perimeter, while paratroopers and ranger units moved into positions along the East-West Trail. On the night of August 12th, the Japanese attacked once again. "General A. A. Vandergriff ordered the reserve unit to move up the ridge to reinforce. 'Well, we got up behind that ridge . . .where we had to cross the top of that, and work our way quickly up to where the fighting was. But as I say, it was almost dawn, and at dawn they quit fighting. . . which is such a blessing.' On another night, "it came my time and a boy from E Company . . . And they said 'go!' and we jumped up and ran. A shot rang out, and that boy fell with a bullet right in his head. . . So I crawled up there and we got into position and then the next night, of course, they started again. So we had two nights . . . pretty heavy fighting here. By that time, we had used up almost all our ammunition and what little food we had. The Navy came to supply us and the WASP was lost." According to Lawton, the Japanese were also low on rations. "They had no supply. When they used up their rations, they're done. . . So we were hungry, but they were starving, and there is a difference." (*Words of War: Wartime Memories Vol II, 86-93. See book order form for copies on page 10 of newsletter*)



Following our February speaker's event, here are book suggestions for Ron May: Please consider supporting our Roundtable member-authors who have some excellent books for that special veteran, friend or family member. Feel free to contact any of them if you have questions about which book might be the perfect one!
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Please refer to pages 10-12 for additional suggestions & order forms!



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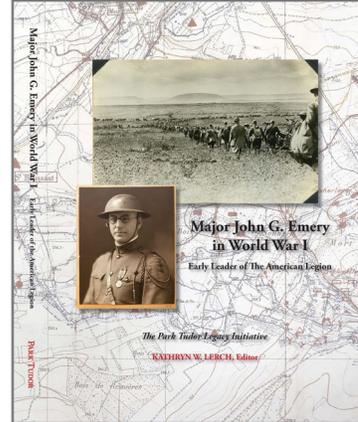
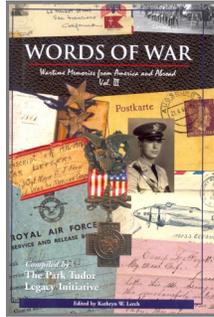
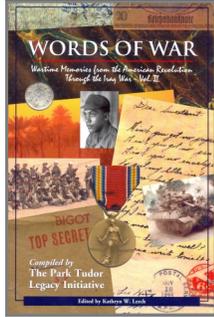
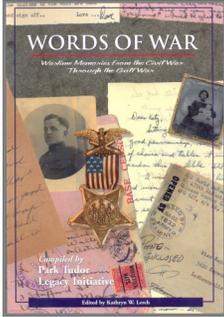
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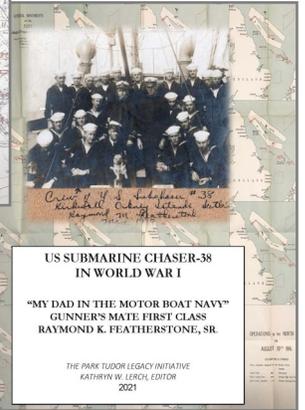
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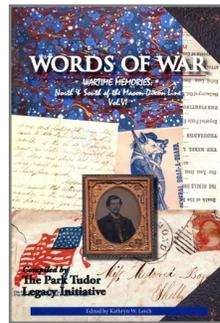
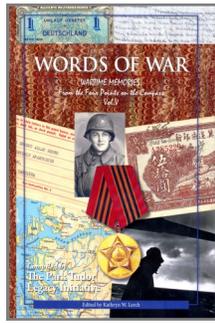
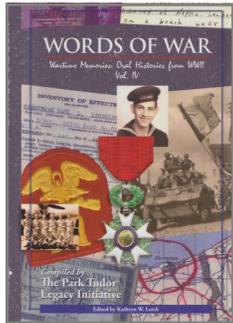
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Publication Spring
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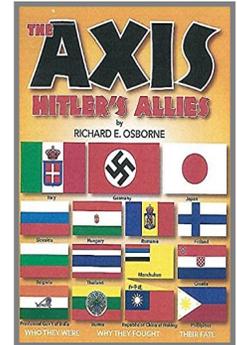
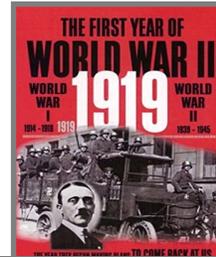
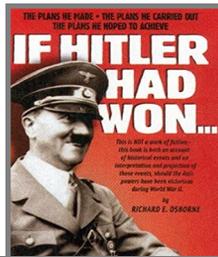
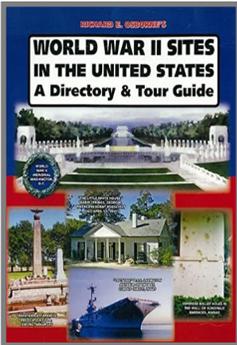
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Richard E. Osborne Selected WWII Books

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Title	Description	Number
WWII Sites in the United States	This book identifies and locates the hundreds of military facilities that existed in the United States during World War II - Army camps, airfields, naval bases, prisoner of war camps, ordnance plants, ports of embarkation, military hospitals, buildings and homes related to the war effort or any famous individuals of the wartime era, and much more. At many of these sites, memorials have been erected which are not listed in this book because they are so numerous. These memorials can be located by utilizing the companion book - World War II Museums, Memorials, and Historic Displays in the United States.	
Casablanca	The classic movie "Casablanca" is a WW II story, made during WW II for WW II audiences and is loaded with very accurate WW II history which is fully explained in this book. You will learn the actual calendar days of the events in Casablanca and Paris - why Rick couldn't return to America - why there were Germans in Casablanca - and whether or not there was an actual document known as a "letter of transit." You will learn such things as how Rick ran guns to Ethiopia - what he did while he was fighting for the loyalist in Spain - and what mysterious activities he was up to in Paris. The reader is also informed as to why it was difficult for refugees to get out of Casablanca - why they wanted to go to Lisbon - who the "devil" was in Bulgaria that the Bulgarian woman spoke of - what were the Bulgarian couple's chances of reaching America - the significance of Ilsa and Berger being Norwegians - and the differences between the Vichy French and the Free French... and more.	
If Hitler Had Won	This is an account of the actual plans Hitler made for the time when the Axis powers would be victorious... The postwar fates planned for the United States, Great Britain, the Soviet Union, and Italy are also detailed. Maps of Europe, the Mediterranean area, and parts of Africa project this altered world, circa 1950. Illustrations included in the thought-provoking book feature Hitler's retirement home, designs for future German jet aircraft, the 400,000-seat Nuremberg Stadium, a plan to rebuild Berlin as "Germania," farmhouse designs for the new German settlers in the east, the Me264 "Amerika Bomber," a "Strength Through Joy" advertisement for the Volkswagen and more...	
1919 The First Year of WWII	'The First Year of World War II, 1919', puts forward the idea that the events of 1919 were so significant that they in fact saw the beginning of World War Two, such a short while after the end of the First World War. This book explores the events that took place and discusses their impact. Key events such as Hitler and Mussolini entering politics, the Bolsheviks beginning to win the Russian Civil War and so Stalin gaining power and of course the effect of the severe Treaty of Versailles on an already damaged Germany are covered in detail. But it was not only Europe that saw changes. America entered isolation and prohibition and Japan became a major threat in the far east. All these events undoubtedly had an effect on the war and in turn on the world, but were they the start of the war?	
The Axis: Hitler's Allies	Here are the BAD GUYS of World War II. Fifteen nations comprised the Axis Alliance & 14 of them declared war on the US. All of them declared war on the British Empire. This book, written from the Axis perspective, records their often stormy and sometime treacherous relationships. Here is a mountain of detailed information on the Axis Alliance found in no other book on this subject.	

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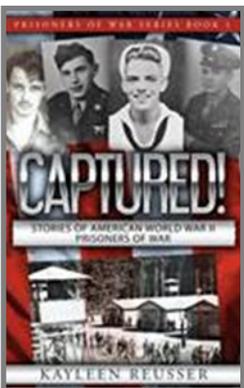
Bluffton, Ind.—Indiana author Kayleen Reusser, known for writing several series of books featuring stories centered on World War II, has just completed a second book in fall 2020. This title, *We Defended Freedom: Adventures of World War II Veterans*, is Book 4 in her WWII Legacies series. It includes the stories of 28 World War II veterans from various branches of the U.S. military. All but two of the veterans hail Indiana. The exceptions are a veteran from Virginia along with Woody Williams, the only living World War II Medal of Honor recipient from Kentucky.

Reusser's stories include an officer of an aircraft carrier, an Army soldier at D-Day, a sailor who was stationed at Cuba, and a pilot who flew in the South Pacific. Among the compilation are stories of two women who served in the Army as a WAC (Women's Army Corps) and in the WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service).

"It is exciting to present another group of World War II veteran stories to readers," said Reusser. "This collection of four books tells about the war, not from the generals' point of view, but from the viewpoint of the soldier, sailor and airman. They are how we won the war and why we have our freedoms today. My goal is to present stories in an exciting and factual way that will help readers appreciate what our veterans have done for us." Reusser has written books in other series: *Witnesses of War*; *World War II Insider*.

Since 2014, Reusser has published books of stories of America's oldest military veterans. "Documenting how past wars have helped to shape the world of today has been a rewarding challenge," she said. She releases new titles near Veteran's Day to commemorate and show appreciation for that group of citizens.

Reusser is the wife and mother of U.S. Air Force airmen. "I firmly believe we need to teach people about patriotism because if we don't reinforce its importance, we could be in a position to lose it," she said. "My method of presenting it is through sharing veterans' stories. My books are part of a continued effort to preserve our national military heritage."



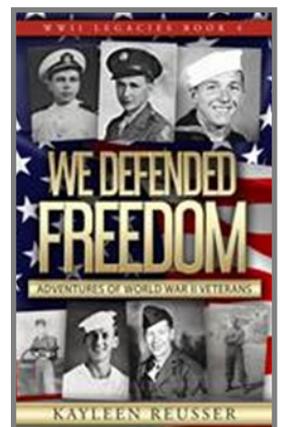
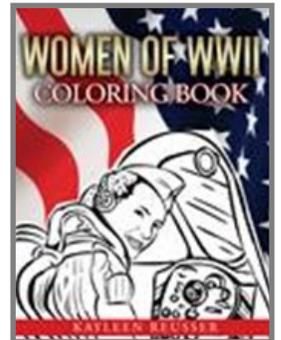
Reusser recently completed a book of Prisoner of War stories entitled *Captured! Stories of American WWII Prisoners of War (Prisoner of War series)*. [JUST RELEASED 11/20]

She has also finished a coloring book featuring women from World War II whom she has interviewed. "The coloring book could encourage people of all ages to become familiar with women who volunteered to serve in the military when much of society disapproved," she said. "I admire them for their pluck."

Reusser has presented many talks about her interviews with 260 World War II veterans. She is booking virtual events for 2021. To learn more about these presentations, and/or to schedule Reusser for a speaking event, visit her website

at www.KayleenReusser.com.

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"Steve's account of his father's World War II military service is a fascinating story reconstructed from RCAF / RAF records, recollections, and personal interviews. Steve weaves these threads into a fabric, giving the reader accounts of specific mission details of a British Sterling bomber crew and brings to the printed page their daily thoughts, fears, conflicts, and emotional states with actual quotes from his father and crew members. ..."

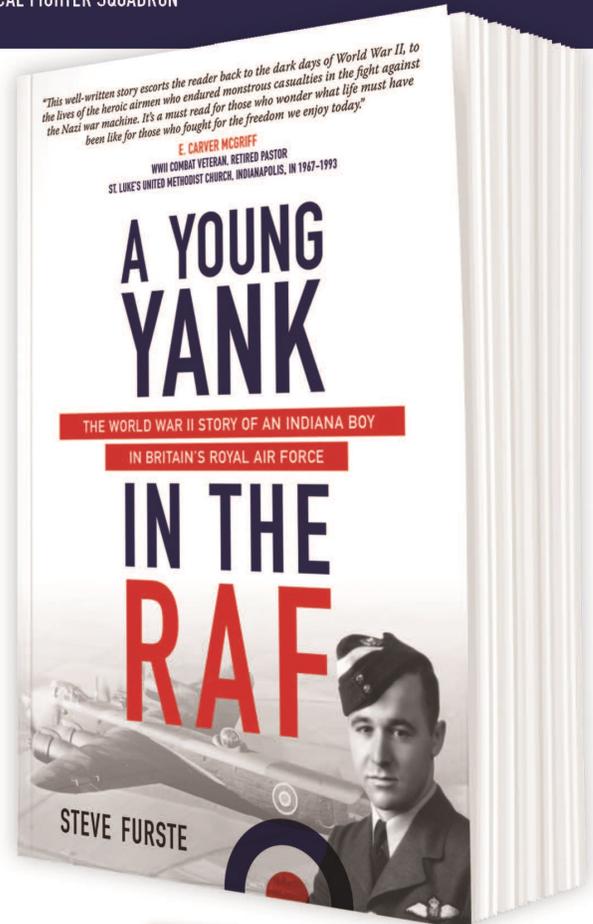
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20-YEAR-OLD GEORGE FURSTE JOINED WWII IN

1941 FLYING FOR BRITAIN AGAINST THE NAZIS

A Young Yank in the RAF describes how a young 20-year-old from Fort Wayne, Indiana, George August Furste, traveled in late 1941 to Canada, where he joined the Royal Canadian Air Force and then later joined Britain's Royal Air Force during World War II. He eventually wound up with the famed 218 (Gold Coast) Squadron, a bomber squadron at Downham Market, England. The story is based on the memory, extensive research, interviews with surviving crew members, and the fine imagination of his son, Stephen Furste. The account begins prior to George's enlistment and then takes the reader through many, always dangerous, always bonding, experiences of George and his crew; it ends with George's discharge and return to civilian life in mid-1945. The book is also a love story, as George met an "English Girl" from Lewisham (South London), the love of his life and future wife, Vera Simms. In writing this book, the author pays the highest tribute to his father, to his father's crew members, and to the World War II generation, often called the Greatest Generation.



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