



## From the Desk of Roundtable President Charles Holt

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

Greetings everyone! Hope you had a great 4<sup>th</sup> and having a great summer. It will be great to join you, in person, this month after being at family reunions in MO/KS. A museum recommendation: The National WWI Museum & Memorial in KC, MO. A book recommendation: Beneath A Scarlet Sky: true story about an Italian lad in WWII who suddenly became the driver for the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest German officer in Italy. Trivia: Where is the last Union Soldier buried? Duluth, MN: Albert Woolson, age 109, died in 1956.

*Charles Holt, D.O.*

**July 25, 2022, 7:00 PM In-Person Only**

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

**7:00: Trivia Report by Dick Coy "My Father-in-Law in WW2"**



**Pvt. Vinton W. Dove**

**7:15 Program**

### **"Pvt. Vinton W. Dove on Omaha Beach on D-Day"**

Vinton Dove, a long-time World War II Round Table member, will share his father's incredible story. Vinton is a Vietnam War veteran who has a particular interest in D-Day. He made a pilgrimage of sorts to England, France, Germany and Austria in 2017 in order to follow in his father's footsteps. Join us for a seldom-told story about an amphibious engineer and his dangerous duties on Omaha Beach & beyond

This program will complete part 2 of our D-Day series.



### **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@myminestar.net](mailto:knj1002@myminestar.net) or phone 317- 607- 6948. **no later than July 21!** 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



## WW 2 TRIVIA FOR JULY 2022

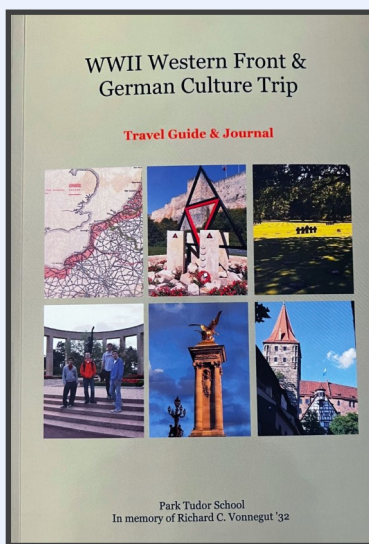
- ◆ On September 8, 1941 German troops completed their encirclement of Leningrad. No one knew at the time that their encirclement would last for some 900 days.
- ◆ During the war in Hollywood the famous Oscar statuettes handed out were made of wood to save metal.
- ◆ Ernest Hemmingway served as a news correspondent during the war. He claimed he saw action in Paris when he helped liberate the Ritz Hotel and its sumptuous bar.
- ◆ In Burma, US OSS operatives worked closely with Ketchin tribesmen fighting the Japanese. When the Ketchins killed a Japanese soldier they cut off his ears as a souvenir of their victory and a warning to other Japanese.
- ◆ The Kamikaze suicide pilots became relatively easy targets for a ship's gunners as they closed in closer and closer on a ship and only one of fourteen managed to hit the ship.
- ◆ In 1937 an employee at the Norden Corporation sold the plans for the secret Norden bombsite to a German agent for \$3000 dollars. He was caught, tried and convicted and sentenced to 18 years in prison.
- ◆ The Norden bombsite was used by the US Air Force for years after WW 2 and as late as the Viet Nam War.
- ◆ US General George Patton believed in reincarnation. He claimed that in earlier lives he has been a Roman Legionnaire, a pikeman in the Middle Ages and a cavalryman in Napoleon's Army.
- ◆ During the early years of WW 2 US war dogs were awarded Distinguished Service Medals, Silver Stars and Purple Hearts but this process was discontinued at some time during the war.
- ◆ More trivia next month . . . .

## Featured Speaker July 23, 2022

Vinton Dove is a long-time member of our Round Table. I got to know Vinton through his wife, Pat, who was Park Tudor's Media Specialist in the Upper School. In July 2017 Pat and Vinton joined a special trip for both students and adults which I organized: **"WWII Western Front & German Culture Trip"**. The trip itinerary took us from London to Portsmouth, then across the Channel to Normandy. From the coast of France we headed to Paris. After Paris, we went northeast to Bastogne, Belgium, followed by cities in Germany: Cologne, Berlin, Nuremberg, Munich and Dachau, and our trip concluded with Salzburg and the Eagle's Nest in Austria.



To prepare for the trip, our group met weekly and discussed historical aspects involved with various destinations during the trip. Each participant received a personal copy of a travel guide & journal which was based on oral history interviews of WW2 veterans, some of whom were members of our Round Table or have spoken to our group. Some of the featured stories came from former WW2 RT member, Dale Gillespie, as well as Hoosier residents : E. Carver McGriff, Roll McLaughlin, and John Carvey. If you are planning a trip to important WW2 destinations—or are content to be an arm-chair traveler, I invite you to read a selection of exceptional excerpts of WW2 European stories, published in our travel journal (104 pages), This can be purchased directly from Blurb.com. It is available in a soft, hard-cover, or pdf versions. Go to: <https://www.blurb.com/b/7971101-wwii-western-front-german-culture-trip>



**You do not want to miss our upcoming WWII RT programs . . .**

### August Trivia & Program

Trivia: Scott Green (USN veteran): "Operation Passage to Freedom"

**Program: Karl Kleinbub Interviews WW2 Veteran Norman Farley**

**—Hear his story as a B-26 Tail Gunner in Europe**

### September Trivia & Program

Trivia: Bill Ervin: "Identifying the Dead from D-Day & Normandy"

**Program: Joe Lee "Forgiveness: The Story of Eva Kor, Survivor of the Auschwitz Twin Experiments" A Graphic Biography**

**Please remember, your RSVP is essential to ensure that the kitchen has a dinner for you!**



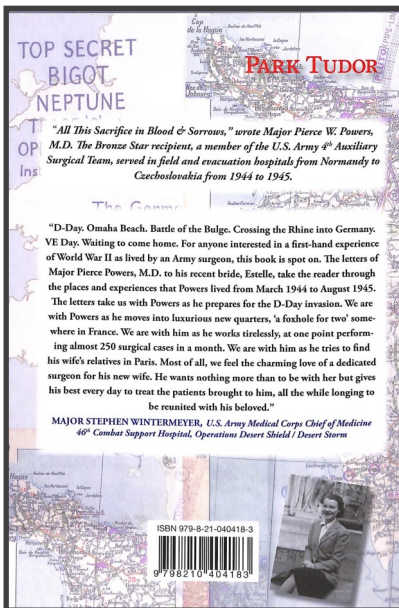
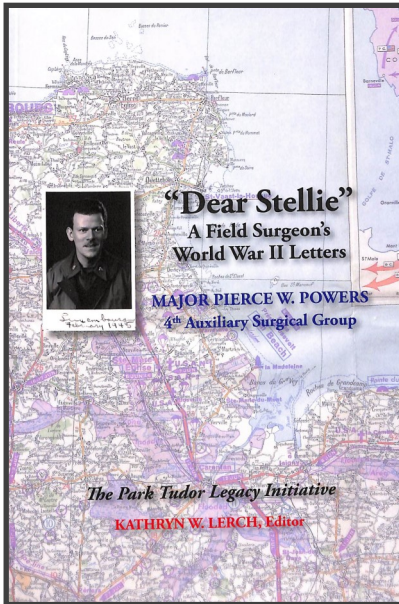
The Board encourages our WW2 Round Table members to share suggestions for potential trivia speakers or featured speakers—we are continually looking for articulate presenters with engaging topics which will be of interest to our membership! Please reach out to Chuck Holt, Bill Ervin, or Kathryn Lerch

Thank you!

Thank you, too, to our members and guests in June who attended the program about Dr. Pierce Powers “From D-Day to the October Pause”. We had a packed house! I am pleased to report that soft and hard copies of our newest “Dear Stellie” have arrived and will be available at the dinner on July 25th. Earlier Legacy Project anthologies and monographs will also be available for purchase.

Information about purchasing “Dear Stellie” is also available on the WWII Round Table website. For more information on our Legacy Project, as well as current and upcoming publications, please go to our project website: <http://www.parktudor.org/legacy>

If you missed the June program, you will find a link to the video on the WW2 RT website.



If any of our WW2 RT members are interested in traveling to Normandy & beyond in 2023, please get in touch with Kathryn Lerch—I hope to be- ing trip planning later this year for the next summer.

### REMINDER: 2022 WWII Round Table Dues are Payable Now

Please pay via website or bring exact cash or check to dinner in July. At dinner sign-in, you will also be able to confirm correctness of your membership information. This will help us update our membership list. **Veteran Family \$20.00; Non-Veteran Family \$25.00; WWII Veterans FREE Membership**