

DMA Meeting Notes of September 10, 2014

Members in Attendance: 96

New Guests: 2

September Birthdays Acknowledged: Haydock, Nolte, Close, Hack, Goodyear, Reifenheiser, Lambkin) all reported being well and getting younger!

New Member Bios Read: Craig Howe and David Barton (both adhered to the 20minute rule)

Highlights of Committee Reports:

September 18th. Trip to Cornwall N.Y. viewing Samuel B. Morse Home, Storm King Art Center with a fabulous luncheon at the Canterbury Brook Inn.

Bridge: Jim "The Bidding Machine" Manning, Fred "No Trump" Smith and Austin "Grand Slam" Schraff all posted excellent scores.

Speaker, arranged by Alex Garnett, was our old friend and renowned historian Art Gottlieb speaking on the aircraft carrier "Intrepid". He detailed the history of air technology from the first aircraft carrier the coalship "Collier" to the more well-known "Lexington" and "Saratoga"; the "Yorktown", a byproduct of the WPA, the "Enterprise" and "Hornet" were precursors to the Essex class of aircraft carrier to which the "Intrepid" belongs. The "Intrepid's" keel was laid in 1941 and was launched in '43.

Mr. Gottlieb's presentation included the development of radar on these ships as well as the transformation from wooden decks to British steel decks for obvious reasons. He also detailed the lives of the brave youth who flew Grumman Hellcats, Avengers and Curtis Hellfires from the decks of these "floating machines".

Terms such as "hangar decks", "hurricane bow", "donkey dick" foam dispensers, "tin cans", "angled flight decks" and "blisters" all became part of our military lexicon before the hour was over. M. Gottlieb traced the history of the "Intrepid's" WWII exploits in the Pacific where she was "Kamikazied" 5 times, specialized in anti-submarine warfare and later served three tours in the Viet Nam conflict. Decommissioned in 1974, she was destined to be scrapped before rescued and turned into a museum in 1982 berthed in NYC with submarine "Growler".

Per usual, Mr. Gottlieb earned a round of hearty applause for his insightful and educational presentation.

On this date in history:

1862- Battle of Antietam, bloodiest of Civil War costing 23,110 lives;

1920- NFL organizes in Canton, Ohio;

1934- RCA releases 1st. 33, Beethoven's 5th;

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