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MONTH.



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**WORLD WAR II VETERANS DISCUSSION GROUP**  
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# June 2013

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 26th at 2:00 pm in the Hagaman Library DeMayo Community Room. This month, local Connecticut author Dave Pelland will describe the state's World War II memorials and discuss how the design of those memorials was influenced by the appearance of previous war monuments. Author of the book Civil War Monuments of Connecticut, Mr. Pelland is also the editor of CTMonuments.net, an Internet blog highlighting the state's historic monuments and sites. A longtime history enthusiast, Dave has also been president of the Park City Toastmasters club in Stratford, and he's a volunteer at Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo.



Connecticut author Dave Pelland

Afterward, Kevin will have some fun trivia questions based on World War II newspaper headlines. As always, refreshments will be served!

Submitted by Liz:

## *Attitude* by Charles Swindoll

"The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company...a church...a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past...we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude...I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you...we are in charge of our Attitudes."



**VETERANS  
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Above: Left—Dan Garitta.  
Above: Right—Gail Eisenhower.

Left: Ed Misbach and Peter DiGiuseppe answering students' questions.

Far lower left: Toni Coleman and Dana Murphy.

Far upper left: Fawn talking with US Navy veteran.

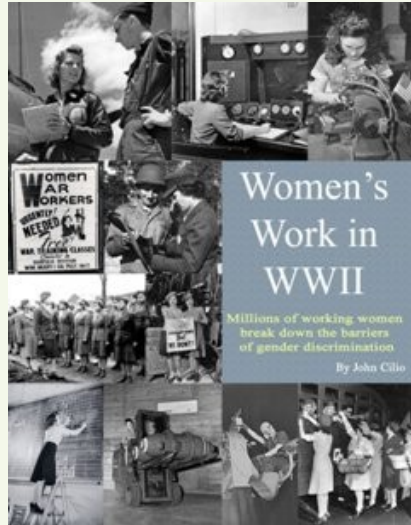


**GEM OF THE MONTH:**

***"Mistakes are the usual bridge between inexperience and wisdom."***

**LAST MONTH'S MEETING:**

At our May meeting, John Cilio, author of the book *Women's Work in WWII*, gave a very informative presentation about women's involvement and contribution to the U.S. during the war.



Above: Author John Cilio and the cover of his latest book, *Women's Work in WWII*.

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

**Arvin Murch - June 2**  
**Tyler Leibengood - June 7**  
**Terry Sayles June 21**  
**Kevin McKernon - June 29**

**Songs We'll Sing in June:**

**If You Knew Susie**  
**But It Was Mary, Mary**  
**Goodnight Irene**  
**Hello Dolly**

**Artist at Work:**

**World War II**  
**Group member and**  
**former Civil Air Pa-**  
**trol Sergeant Rose**  
**Bernabucci recently**  
**had a showing of**  
**her art at the Miller Memorial**  
**Library Senior Center in Hamden.**



Mary Anne Anderson pointed out an interesting article in the *North Haven Citizen*. In her article, "Official Music of U.S. Armed Services Has Intriguing History" Marion F. Sturkey states that "The U.S. Air Force did not exist in 1938. But that year *Liberty Magazine* sponsored a contest for an official song for the Army Air Corps. The magazine received 757 entries. A group of Army Air Corps wives (yes, believe it or not, wives) selected the entry from Robert Crawford, "Off We Go Into the Wild Blue Yonder."

—North Haven *Citizen*  
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Above, our WWII Group former volunteer, US Coast Guard Petty Officer Jill and her husband Wade with their WWII DAV Commander and the County Commissioners giving them a check for \$500 so their WWII veterans can go to Washington.