

***RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)
invites you to attend its meeting, on Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2013.
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Pl., Greenwich.***

WALTER FORD CARTER

***NO GREATER SACRIFICE, NO GREATER LOVE,
A SON'S JOURNEY TO NORMANDY***



This is the story of a father and son whose relationship is severed forever by World War II, and the son's discovery, some fifty years later, of the man his father was.

Growing up, Walter Ford Carter knew only a few basic facts about his father, who died when Walter was four years old. Elmer Norval Carter was a family doctor in West Virginia who volunteered for the Army and was killed by sniper fire trying to rescue a wounded soldier on the battlefield. Shattered by the loss of her husband, Walter's mother rarely spoke about the topic. But on her death in 1995, Walter finds his life transformed when he discovers, hidden in his mother's attic, numerous letters that his father had written to her from their grade-school years to the days before his death.

This discovery propels Walter on his own journey. As Carter learns of his father, we experience the anguish of wartime, his father's overwhelming longing for his wife and family, the arduous training maneuvers in England, the nobility and fellowship that inspires his father's enlistment for the D-Day invasion, the landing at Omaha Beach, and his final days of fighting in the hedgerows of Normandy. The orphan son, is moved to pay his respects to the father he finally knows. This book is part of that respect, a testimonial for time.

Mr. Carter received his B.A from Swarthmore College, an M.A. from Tufts University (international relations) and from the University of Rochester (economics). He was an economic forecaster with the DRI unit of McGraw-Hill, becoming vice president in 1984 and principal in 1992. He has served as president of the boards of the Newton MA Symphony and the All Newton Music School, and is on the board of Normandy Allies, Inc. He is also a member of 29th Division Association and the American World War II Orphans Network (AWON).

RMA meetings are free and open to the public; no reservations are required. Please plan to arrive around 10:30 for our social break (coffee and cake), followed by our speaker at 10:45. Meetings are held at the First Presbyterian Church in Greenwich. For additional information, call Bernard Schneider, 203-698-2558; bgsesq@gmail.com.