



RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)
invites you to its **August 12, 2015** meeting at
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT.

Art Gottlieb

“Battle of the Philippine Sea”



The **Battle of the Philippine Sea** (June 19–20, 1944) was a decisive naval battle that eliminated the Imperial Japanese Navy's ability to conduct large-scale carrier actions. This huge battle occurred during the United States' amphibious invasion of the Mariana Islands in the Pacific arena in World War II. The battle was the last of five major "carrier-versus-carrier" engagements between American and Japanese naval forces, and involved elements of the United States Navy's Fifth Fleet as well as ships and land-based aircraft from the Imperial Japanese Navy's Mobile Fleet and nearby

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Art Gottlieb, a favorite speaker to the RMA, is an eminent historian of political and military history. He was formerly a professional Curator of Naval History and Technical Director of Exhibits at the Intrepid Sea-Air Space Museum in New York City. He worked regularly with veterans of all services to create exhibits accurately illustrating the history of 20th century warfare. From 1989 to 1997, he coordinated with all branches of the National Guard to preserve historic ships, aircraft and armor from around the world. He is an Auxiliary Officer of the U.S. Coast Guard currently serving as Commander of Flotilla 7-2, Division I (Southern region), Sector Long Island Sound North. A certified Senior Advisor in Norwalk, he provides pro bono trauma counseling to soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

RMA meetings are free and open to the public; no reservations are required. Please plan to arrive around 10:40AM for our social break (coffee and cake), followed by our speaker at 11:00M. Meetings are held at the First Presbyterian Church in Greenwich, with parking on-street or at public lot two houses north of the church on Lafayette Place. For additional information, contact: jim.fishbein1@verizon.net