



RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)
Invites you to its meeting **January 3, 2018** at
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT

Arthur Gottlieb

“Was Dropping the Atomic Bomb on Japan Justified?”

After nearly 73 years the question rages on of whether dropping the two atomic bombs on Japan in 1945 was justified. The enduring question is whether using these weapons constituted a necessary step to end the war and avert even greater



casualties — or a needless and disproportionate war crime, possibly amounting to genocide. The bombs that destroyed Hiroshima and Nagasaki killed 200,000 people, mostly civilians. Although it is clear that the scheduled invasion of Japan would have led to a staggering number of casualties, both Japanese and American, many accounts of post-war research and analysis indicate that the Japanese might have been compelled to surrender without the actual use of atomic weapons.

Art Gottlieb is well qualified to address this fascinating question. He is a local historian and popular speaker on subjects of political and military history. He was formerly a professional curator of naval history and the Technical Director of Exhibits at the Intrepid Sea-Air-Space Museum in New York City. In these roles, Mr. Gottlieb worked regularly with veterans of all services towards the creation of exhibits accurately illustrating the history of 20th century warfare.

From 1989 through 1997, Mr. Gottlieb coordinated with all branches of the armed services and National Guard towards the preservation of historic ships, aircraft and armor from around the world, and has facilitated the recovery of scores of artifacts from warships slated for demolition from reserve fleets.

Next week, January 10, Vanessa Richards, U.S. Assistant Attorney and Jeremy Tendler, Postal Inspector, "National Security, Cyber Crimes and the Dark Web: Federal Government Actions"

The Greenwich Retired Men's Association offers a free program every Wednesday that is open to the public, both men and women; no reservations are required. Our social break starts at 10:40AM followed promptly by our speaker at 11:00AM. Programs are at the First Presbyterian Church, 1 West Putnam in Greenwich. For additional information see www.greenwichrma.org or contact info@greenwichrma.org