



RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)
Invites you to its meeting **September 28, 2016** at
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT.

Joel Blatt

“The Misunderstood Treaty of Versailles”



It is generally assumed that the Versailles Treaty of 1919 at the end of World War I between the victorious allies and Germany was harsh on Germany and led to Hitler's rise to power, but this is false or terrible simplification at best.

Professor Blatt's talk will focus on the Rhineland compromise as well as the reparations settlement aspects of the Treaty and will put forth the thesis and present evidence that the view of the treaty as unbearably hard on Germany is inaccurate. The talk will assert that the Versailles Treaty is one of the most misunderstood major events of the Twentieth Century.

Dr. Joel Blatt has taught European history at UCONN-Stamford and UCONN-Storrs for 39 years. A six-time recipient of the UConn- Stamford Campus Outstanding Teacher Award, Dr. Blatt also teaches Modern Western Traditions and Personality and Power in the 20th Century, and co-teaches a course on the Holocaust.

Professor Blatt received his Ph.D. in history from the University of Rochester and his B.A, from Cornell University. He has published a book, which he edited on The French Defeat of 1940: Reassessments (1998). He has also published a number of articles on France and Italy between the two world wars and is presently working on two books. He has received a number of grants from the UConn Research Foundation, and has served a Provost's Fellowship.

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