



RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)
Invites you to its meeting **August 28, 2019** at 11 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT

Mark Albertson

“The Rise of Stalin”



Mark Albertson will discuss how Stalin rose to power (superseding Trotsky) to become Lenin's heir. In one generation, Stalin's Revolution transformed Mother Russia, taking it from a nation with a backward peasant economy to a world power with an Atomic Bomb. In the end, Stalin was not really a Communist; he was an opportunist who used State Capitalism (a political system in which the state has control of production and the use of capital) to transform Russia into a modern industrialized state, capable of fighting in a major international, industrialized conflict.

Mark Albertson is the historical research editor at *ARMY AVIATION Magazine* in Monroe, CT and the historian for the Army Aviation Association of America. He has written several books including *U.S.S. Connecticut: Constitution State Battleship*; *They'll Have to Follow You! The Triumph of the Great White Fleet*; and *On History: A Treatise*.

He teaches history as an adjunct at Norwalk Community College. He has taught multiple courses on 20th century history including among others *World War I*; *The Great Patriotic War: The Titanic Clash between Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union*; and *Vietnam: The Long War*. An avid speaker, he travels the state presenting a wide range of topics: history, current events, and politics. In May 2005 he was presented with a General Assembly Citation by both houses of Congress in Hartford for his efforts in commemorating the centennial of the battleship *Connecticut*.

Next week, September 4: Page Knox, Ph.D., Lecturer at The Metropolitan Museum of Art and Columbia University, **“The Triumph of Romanticism: Reflections on the Delacroix exhibition at the Met and the Louvre.”** *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 10:40 a.m. followed promptly by our speaker at 11:00 a.m. Programs are at the First Presbyterian Church, 1 West Putnam in Greenwich. For additional information see www.greenwichrma.org or contact info@greenwichrma.org*