

***RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)  
invites you to attend its meeting, on Wednesday, July 1, 2015.  
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT.***

***DAN LIBERTINO AND JOHN BULAKOWSKI***

***THE LEGACY OF IGOR I. SIKORSKY, THE MAN AND HIS COMPANY***



Igor Sikorsky was a Russian aeronautics engineer and inventor known for crafting the first four-engine plane and the first working helicopter. Born in Kiev in 1889, he studied in his home city and Paris before choosing to follow his own vision for aeronautic design. He built the first four-engine plane in 1913 and, after decades of development, would craft the first working helicopter, with its first test flight in 1939. Sikorsky emigrated to the

United States in 1919, and in 1923 formed The Sikorsky Manufacturing Corporation, which evolved into The Sikorsky Aviation Corporation. The presentation, by officers of the Sikorsky Archives, covers the three aviation careers of Igor Sikorsky and the Sikorsky Company, starting with the Russian Years 1889 -1918, early American years 1919 – 1938 and the helicopter period 1939 – to his death in 1972, and limited current company activities. The Sikorsky Archives was organized as a non-profit entity in November, 1995 under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, independent of Sikorsky Aircraft. “The mission of the Historical Archives is to acquire, manage, protect, and make accessible to qualified persons for research and educational purposes, historical documents and memorabilia associated with Igor I. Sikorsky, his life and his careers in aviation, and the Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation.”

Dan Libertino has a 64 year association with Sikorsky helicopters and is the president of the Sikorsky Historical Archives. He started his career with the U.S.A.F. in 1951 as a helicopter mechanic on the Sikorsky H-5 and H-19 helicopters. He was discharged and joined Sikorsky in 1956, retiring in 1997. During his 41 years tenure with Sikorsky, he spent 31 years in the field as a technical representative, logistic management and later General Management for Sikorsky Operations in Australia, Korea and Turkey. Since retirement he has actively volunteered with the Archives, becoming President in 2004. John Bulakowski had a 32 year career with Sikorsky Aircraft starting in 1970 and retiring in 2002. He is currently the Vice President of the Archives. Upon Sikorsky’s production win of the U.S. Army UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter in 1976, he held a series of increasingly responsible positions within the program office. He continued in subsequent positions of management until his retirement. In 2004 he returned to Sikorsky as a contract employee assisting with high level proposal processing, including the CH-53K.

**RMA Meetings are free and open to the public; no reservations are required. Please plan to arrive around 10:45 for our social break (coffee and cake), followed by our speaker at 11:00. Meetings are held at the First Presbyterian Church in Greenwich. For additional information, call Bernard Schneider, 203-698-2558; bgsesq@gmail.com.**