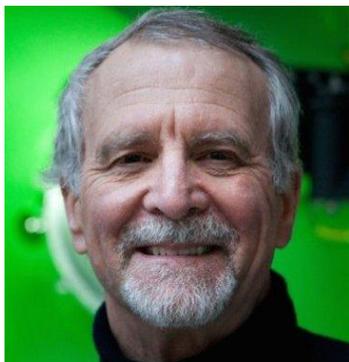


***RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)
invites you to attend its meeting, on Wednesday, May 13, 2015.
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT.***

PAUL-HENRY NARGEOLET

THE TITANIC'S GREATEST EXPLORER



Our next speaker is the man who has seen the Titanic (which was ripped open by an iceberg off the coast of Newfoundland on April 15, 1912, during her maiden voyage) as much as James Cameron. Mr. Nargeolet, a French native and Greenwich resident, is a deep-sea diver who has visited the wreck site in the North Atlantic more than 30 times. For the last two-and-a-half decades, Nargeolet has worked for RMS Titanic, Inc., which is the sole legal steward, conservator, and curator of the wreck site. Nargeolet-led teams

have excavated more than 5,000 artifacts from the wreck site, pieces which form the core of Titanic exhibitions, including shaving kits, toys, pipes, crystal decanters, a chandelier from an on-ship restaurant and, yes, even some deckchairs.

In his pre-Titanic career, he was a Commander in the French Navy, a diver, and a UDT/EOT team captain, working on mine-hunter ships removing explosives. After the navy, he worked for the French Institute for Research and Exploitation of the Sea, where he was asked to be in charge of the Titanic expedition. It was in 1987 in a manned submersible that he first saw the submerged ship. "As we approached the bow, we all went silent. There was absolutely no sound in the sub. I was in awe. But I felt sadness too; I could almost see the people walking in the deck. I thought about the ship sinking, about those passengers." Researchers suggest that artifacts from Titanic are far more than windows into the past -- rather, they are glimpses into the mirror. Nargeolet believes that the sinking of Titanic remains a compelling story on the eve of its 100th anniversary because it still speaks to human folly and people of all walks of life. "I wonder why are people so fascinated with the Titanic after a century. I think everyone can find something they like in it. Onboard, there were rich people, poor people and immigrants coming to North America pursuing a dream."

The late George Tulloch, RMS Titanic's president and a Greenwich resident, encouraged Nargeolet to settle in the U.S. After years of commuting across the Atlantic, Nargeolet decided to move to backcountry Greenwich permanently in 2001, aided by Tulloch, he said. "Greenwich is very important to me because this is where it all began," Nargeolet said of his Titanic career.

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.