



**Retired Men's Association of Greenwich, Inc. (RMA)
and Edgehill Lifecare Community Stamford**

Invite you to a presentation July 27, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church, 37 Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT

The program will also be shown on Webinar: <https://bit.ly/30IBj21>

Barry Strauss, Ph.D.

**“The War That Made the Roman Empire:
Antony, Cleopatra, and Octavian at Actium”**



After the assassination of Julius Caesar, the fate of the Roman Empire seemed to hang in the balance between two men. On one side was the battle-proven Mark Antony—Julius Caesar’s former lieutenant and the presumed next leader of the Empire—working together with Cleopatra, the Queen of Egypt, his romantic partner, and the richest and most powerful woman in the world. On the other side was Octavian—Caesar’s adopted son and chosen heir, a young and inexperienced military and political player. Both men claimed leadership of the Empire and made the case that they knew the true way forward for Rome to maintain its glory.

Historian Barry Strauss will discuss this epic struggle for power which led to one of the greatest naval battles in the ancient world as recounted in his new book, ***The War That Made the Roman Empire: Antony, Cleopatra, and Octavian at Actium***.

Barry Strauss is a Professor of History and Classics, with a particular interest in military history, at Cornell University. He is a former chairman of its history department and a past director of Cornell’s Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies, where he studied modern engagements from Bosnia to Iraq and from Afghanistan to Europe. He is currently director as well as a founder of Cornell’s Program on Freedom and Free Societies, which investigates challenges to constitutional liberty at home and abroad.

Professor Strauss is a frequent participant in educational TV series on ancient Greece and the Roman Empire, and is the author or co-author of a dozen books, including *The Battle of Salamis*, *The Trojan War*, *The Spartacus War*, *The Death of Caesar*, *The Storm Before the Storm: The Beginning of the End of the Roman Republic*, and *Ten Caesars: Roman Emperors from Augustus to Constantine*.

Next week, August 3: Program TBD

The Greenwich Retired Men's Association offers a free Webinar program every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. For additional information see www.greenwichrma.org or contact us by e-mail at info@greenwichrma.org.