



**RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)**  
**Invites you to its meeting June 1, 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>

## **Edward Farley Aldrich**

### **The Partnership: George Marshall, Henry Stimson, and the Extraordinary Collaboration that Won WW II**



On September 1, 1939, the day Germany invaded Poland to launch World War II, Gen. George Marshall was sworn in as chief of staff of the U.S. Army. Ten months later, Roosevelt appointed the prominent 73-year-old elder statesman Henry Stimson secretary of war. The general and the secretary traveled very different paths to power. Educated at Phillips Academy, Yale, and Harvard Law, Stimson joined the Wall Street law firm of Elihu Root and served as U.S. Attorney for his friend President Theodore Roosevelt, secretary of war under Taft, and secretary of state under Hoover. Thirteen years younger, George Marshall graduated from the Virginia Military Institute, then began a slow, climb up the army ranks, serving brilliantly on the staff for General Pershing and ending up in Washington where his ability and honesty impressed FDR.

In one of the most consequential collaborations of the twentieth century, Marshall and Stimson led the American military effort during World War II, in roles that blended business, politics, diplomacy, and bureaucracy in addition to warfighting. With a dazzling synergy, they transformed an outdated, poorly equipped army into a well-equipped modern fighting force of millions. Edward Aldrich will tell the story of their collaboration as discussed in his just published ***The Partnership: George Marshall, Henry Stimson, and the Extraordinary Collaboration that Won World War II.***

Edward “Ted” Aldrich was born and raised in Rowayton, CT, attended Colgate University, majoring in economics and political science, and earned an MBA in finance from Boston College. Aldrich has had a distinguished career in banking beginning with UBS with posts in New York, Zurich, and London, specializing principally in commodities. He has held senior positions at Deutsche Bank, Fortis, and Mizuho Bank, and currently works as the head of corporate development for Auramet Trading, one of the world’s largest physical precious metals merchants in the world.

Ted's love of history began on the day he entered the 2nd grade at Rowayton Elementary School and saw portraits of all the U.S. presidents on the wall of his classroom. He has a library of nearly 700 books, most of which he read on trains (during thirty plus years of commuting to New York) and on planes. *The Partnership* is the first book he has written. Ted and his wife, Susie, have lived in Westport since 1999 where they raised three sons.

**Please note: Attendees must show proof of vaccination and booster at the door for admittance. Masks are optional.**

**Next Week's Speaker: June 8, Larry Kantor, Ph.D.,** Economist and former Managing Director and Global Head of Research at Barclays, **"The Implications of High Inflation for the Economy and Financial Markets."**

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