



**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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.greenwichrma.org) or contact [info@greenwichrma.org](mailto:info@greenwichrma.org)*