



RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)
Invites you to its meeting, May 11th at 11 AM at
First Presbyterian Church, 37 Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT.
The program will also be shown on Webinar: <https://bit.ly/30IBj21>

Phillip Vitiello Sr.

“White Star Lines: The TITANIC and Her Sisters”



We all know the tragic story of the RMS TITANIC- while on her maiden voyage to New York from Southampton, England on the night of April 14, 1912, she hit an iceberg and sank with the loss of 1,496 passengers and crew. Few of us, however, may realize that the TITANIC was the second of three ships built of the ‘OLYMPIC Class’ for White Star Lines to compete for the Atlantic crossing passenger trade.

The stories of TITANIC’s older sister ship OLYMPIC and younger sister ship BRITANNIC are compelling in their own right. As planned by their owner, when each of the ships was launched, she could claim to be the largest ship in the world. While the OLYMPIC would have an exciting and long career. the youngest sister BRITANNIC would have a short life and tragic end.

Philip Vitiello Sr. tells the amazing stories of these ships- who built them and why, and what happened to them. Also addressed is the amazing life of Violet Constance Jessop the daughter of Irish immigrants who would sail on all three ships as a stewardess and as a nurse during World War I. She would survive the sinking of two of them.

Mr. Vitiello is a lifelong resident of New Haven, CT. He attended the University of New Haven, majoring in law enforcement administration. He has been employed for the last 25 years by the food broker “Northeast Food Marketing” headquartered in Stamford, CT. and currently serves as the Director of Marketing for the company. He has been a member of the original Titanic Historical Society of Indian Orchard, MA for over 25 years. He is a Civil War historian, a charter member of the “Friends of the HUNLEY” (the first submarine in world history to sink a ship in combat), and since 1998 a charter member of “TIGHAR” The International Group for Historical Aircraft Recovery. Philip has also taught a history course at Norwalk Community College Lifetime Learners Institute.

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

Next Week's Speaker: May 18th: Ed Hajim, American financier and philanthropist, on his book *A Road Less Traveled: An Unlikely Journey from the Orphanage to the Boardroom*, "An Horatio Alger for Our Times."

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