



**RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)**  
**Invites you to its meeting **June 5** at 11:00 a.m.**  
**First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT**

## **Robert S. Wylie**

### **“D-Day, Operation Overlord, Six of June, 1944”**



The D-Day invasion began in full on June 6, 1944. On that day, some 156,000 American, British, and Canadian forces landed on five beaches along the Normandy coast of France in the largest amphibious military assault in history. The intent was to establish the Allied armies on the western front against German-occupied Europe, joining Russia who had been confronting Germany on the eastern front. It was called Operation Overlord. After hard fighting, the Allied breakout occurred in late July.

In a note to Stalin shortly after the liberation of Paris, which was only two months after the Normandy landing, Churchill summed up the military situation: “The enemy is burning and bleeding on every front at once.” Such was the enormous impact of D-Day.

In remembrance of the 75th Anniversary of D-Day, Bob Wylie will discuss this historic event. His talk will focus on the magnitude and strategies of Operation Overlord. He will explain how the changing fortunes of the eastern [Soviet] front dominated U.S and U.K. actions and determined the timing of the invasion. He will also discuss how Americans employed deception and innovative engineering to advance the assault.

Mr. Wylie is a former member of the RMA and a fifty-year resident of Greenwich. Stationed in England during World War II, he served as a nose gunner in the U.S. Army Air Force and flew on twenty-five bombing missions over Europe. After the war Bob Wylie had a successful career as a corporate executive and also pursued his interests in political and military history. He holds three degrees in this field. He earned his BA at Wesleyan University, an associate degree in political science at the New School, and an MA in history at Western Connecticut State University.

**Next Week: June 12, Granville Burgess, Author and Playwright, “Shoeless Joe Jackson, the Black Sox Scandal, and Life in a Carolina Mill Village.”** *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 AM followed promptly by our speaker at 11:00 AM. 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)*